

Stratification of Counties for the Quality Service Review

| Strata I | Strata II | Strata III | Strata IV |
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| Philadelphia | Allegheny | Berks Bucks Dauphin Delaware Erie Lackawanna Lancaster Luzerne Monroe Montgomery Northampton Washington York | Blair Bradford Butler Cambria Centre Chester Clearfield Crawford Cumberland Fayette Franklin Indiana Jefferson Lawrence Lebanon Lehigh McKean Mercer Northumberland Schuylkill Tioga Westmoreland |
| Strata V | Strata VI | Strata VII | Strata VIII |
| Adams Beaver Lycoming Somerset Susquehanna Wayne | Armstrong Bedford Carbon Clarion Clinton Columbia Greene Huntingdon Mifflin Pike Warren Venango | Elk Juniata Snyder Union Wyoming | Cameron Forest Fulton Montour Perry Potter Sullivan |

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The following number of cases will be reviewed during each county's QSR:

- **Strata I: 25 cases** (10 placement, 15 in-home per county)
- **Strata II: 20 cases** (8 placement, 12 in-home per county)
- **Strata III: 15 cases** (6 placement, 9 in-home per county)
- **Strata IV: 12 cases** (5 placement, 7 in-home per county)
- **Strata V: 10 cases** (4 placement, 6 in-home per county)
- **Strata VI: 7 cases** (3 placement, 4 in-home per county)
- **Strata VII: 5 cases** (2 placement, 3 in-home per county)
- **Strata VIII: 3 cases** (1 placement, 2 in-home per county)

Stratification Details:

- Stratification is based on the unduplicated number of children/youth served in out-of-home care in each county based on 2014 data. Counties with a greater number of children served have a larger number of cases reviewed during the QSR.
- A greater proportion of in-home cases (60%) will be reviewed than out-of-home cases (40%) to more closely reflect caseloads throughout the Commonwealth.
- Stratification will be reviewed once every three years.

Clarification on participation:

- Upon completing an initial review, each county will determine the frequency of their participation in future state-supported QSRs based on the following criteria: State-led QSRs must occur at least every 3 years, but frequency cannot occur more than once every year. Counties who are interested in extending their state-supported QSRs beyond 3 years are to submit a request for extension and the reason for the request to OCYF for review, consideration and approval/disapproval.
- A county which chooses to participate in a state-led QSR more than once every three years is required to review the above number of in-home and placement cases each time a review is conducted. For example, a county from Strata III cannot do five cases a year for three years; instead they would be required to review 15 cases each year they participate in a state-supported QSR.