

## CHRIS Release 16.4 – July 18, 2008

The new CHRIS enhancements are to update the Feds definitions of disability characteristics. This pertains to AFCARS reporting, Elements 10 (Does Client Have A Disability) and 15 (Other Diagnosed Disability Condition), for both Foster Care and Adoption.

The Disability indicator for foster children and adoptive children are not the same because of the terminology of “Special Needs” when a child is adopted. This release removed five characteristics previously considered as Disability for a foster child, but left these same characteristics as a Disability for an adoptive child. Also, a previously considered non-disability characteristic is now considered a disability for both foster care and adoption.

The changes on the child’s **Physical/Medical Select Box** on the **Characteristics screen** are:

❖ **Foster Children:**

- **No Longer Considered a Disability** (Does Client Have A Disability – **No**):
  - Allergies
  - Anemia
  - Asthma
  - Sexually Transmitted Disease
  - Ulcer, External
- **New – Considered a Disability** (Does Client Have A Disability – **Yes**):
  - Speech Impairment

❖ **Adopted Children** in an adoption case:

- **Continue to be Considered a Disability** (Does Client Have A Disability – **Yes**):
  - Allergies
  - Anemia
  - Asthma
  - Sexually Transmitted Disease
  - Ulcer, External
- **New – Considered a Disability** (Does Client Have A Disability – **Yes**):
  - Speech Impairment