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**Medical Care Advisory Committee
Children, Including Safeguards and Performance Measures
Subpopulation Committee Minutes
August 24, 2016**

Team Leads:

LaKera Reddick
Jennifer Courtney

MCAC/Subcommittee Members Present:

Kristen Snyder - Sunshine Health Plan
Cheryl Young - Department of Health
Gordy Pyper - Big Bend Community Based Care

Additional Meeting Participant(s):

Laurie Svec - AHCA

Introductions/Welcoming Remarks

- Reviewed the statement of focus: To narrow topics on which the subcommittee will focus and recruit committed members who have interest and/or expertise in these topics.
- Requested names of individuals that may be interested in becoming active members in the subcommittee.
- Reminded attendees to sign up for provider alerts, to stay informed with Agency communications.

Subpopulation Committee Discussion Topics:

1. Child Health Check-Up Informing letters:
Child Health Check-Up letters were provided to members to provide feedback on or before the next sub-committee meeting. This subcommittee has been asked to provide feedback in the process of informing recipients about benefits and services they can receive. Much of the language in the letters will have to be updated. The information gathered from the subcommittee will help construct messaging.
2. Special Services and Individual Determination:



The Agency has provided health plans with additional guidance when providing medically necessary EPSDT services. The link and information regarding the services were reviewed, as most attendees today were already aware of the communication provided.

3. Role of Managing Entities Related to Authorization/Coordination of Care for Behavioral Health Services for Children (the Children's and Behavioral Health committee joined for this discussion):

- It has been reported to the sub-committee that there may be confusion with the authorization and/or coordination of care of behavioral health services for children (especially identified were foster children and post-adoption children).
- It was stated that the Department of Children and Families' contracted Managing Entities (MEs) do not have a standardized process throughout the State of Florida, which could cause delays in authorizations.
- A suggestion was made that the Florida Department of Children and Families revise their rule to direct MEs, in an attempt to standardize the MEs throughout Florida.
- Various members of the subpopulation committees indicated that they would like to submit additional written comments/suggestions to Florida Medicaid regarding the short-term and long-term goals to alleviate the matter.
- The group decided that there should be a follow-up meeting or conference call to discuss this in depth with the Behavioral Health committee.
- Some attendees were not aware of the issues surrounding the managing entities, and wanted background on the topic. Gordy Pyper was able to provide the group with a brief overview, and it was decided that the meeting, that will be scheduled should further address.

4. Agency Updates:

Agency updates included providing the members and attendees with an update on the coverage and limitation handbooks, by LaKera Reddick; and new member appointees.

5. Action Items:

- Committee members provide feedback on Child Health Checkup informing letters before next meeting.
- Schedule conference calls or meetings with the BH sub-committee.
- Solicit presentations from members and attendees on their services, organizations, etc., to keep the members informed and updated on new initiatives, products, and services.

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