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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal: 2023-23

Applicable to the **2018-2024 SMMC contract benefits** for:

- Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) and MMA Specialty
- Long-Term Care (LTC)
- Dental

Re: Ad Hoc Request for Periodically Updated Individualized Transition Plan for Nursing Facility Children – Reporting Requirements

The managed care plan is required to provide the Agency or its agents any other information or data relative to this contract in accordance with 42 CFR 438.604(b). In such instances, and at the direction of the Agency, the managed care plan must fully cooperate with such requests and furnish all data or information in a timely manner, in the format in which it is requested. The managed care plan must have at least thirty (30) days to fulfill such ad hoc requests unless the Agency directs the managed care plan to provide data or information in less than thirty (30) days. The managed care plan must certify that data and information it submits to the Agency is accurate, truthful, and complete in accordance with 42 CFR 438.606. (MMA & LTC: Attachment II, Section XVI.A.1.b.). On July 28, 2023, the Agency issued Policy Transmittal 2023-10 related to requirements for an individualized transition plan for nursing facility children. The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify the managed care plan of requirements for the periodic update of the individualized transition plan for nursing facility children.

An Order of Injunction (Document 1171) regarding federal case number 12-60460-CV-MIDDLEBROOKS/Hunt was issued July 14, 2023. The injunction requires an individualized transition plan be completed for all “Nursing Facility (NF) Children” between August 1, 2023, and September 1, 2023. The injunction also requires that the State must “periodically reinstate the Transition Planning Process so that the Transition Plan is updated at least once every three months and must ensure that any new circumstances or considerations relevant to transition are reflected in the update.”

For the purpose of this policy transmittal and per the Order of Injunction, NF Child is defined as “individuals who live in Nursing Facilities, have Complex Medical Needs, and either (1) are under 30 years of age and began living in a Nursing Facility before reaching 21 years of age, or (2) are under 21 years of age. A NF Child who is hospitalized remains, during the period of hospitalization, a NF Child.”

The managed care plan shall ensure that each NF Child’s individualized transition plan is updated at least once every three months, beginning with the date of the initial individualized transition plan completed between August 1, 2023, and September 1, 2023. All NF children should have their quarterly individualized transition plan updated by no later than December 31, 2023.



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For each updated individualized transition plan completed during the calendar year quarter, the managed care plan shall submit the updated individualized transition plans by the fifteenth of the month after the end of the calendar year quarter to the Agency's SMMC_CY18-23 (port 443) secure file transfer protocol (SFTP) site in the AdHoc/MIDDLEBROOKS-Hunt (DOJ)/Transition Plan subfolder located within the managed care plan's designated folder path. The managed care plan must use the file naming convention "XXXyyyymmUTPAB##", where "XXX" is the managed care plan's three-character identifier, "yyyymm" corresponds to the four-digit year and two-digit month of the submission, "UTP" is the three-character identifier for this report, "AB" is the first and last initial of the enrollee, and "##" is the last two digits of the enrollee's Medicaid ID number.

If an individualized transition plan has not been updated within the calendar year quarter, the managed care plan shall submit supporting documentation that explains why they were unable to complete the plan for that quarter. A new attempt to complete an individualized transition plan must occur every three months.

The managed care plan must submit the updated individualized transition plans completed September 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, to the Agency by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, January 15, 2024. The submission for this calendar year quarter includes the month of September to ensure the Agency has all completed transition plans on file. All subsequent updated individualized transition plans shall be submitted to the Agency by the fifteenth of the month following the calendar year reporting quarter.

If you have any questions, please contact your Agency contract manager.

Sincerely,



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