

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care – Medical Foster Care Services

The provision of MFC services is a coordinated effort between the Department of Health, the Child Welfare Community Based Care Lead Agency, and the Medicaid health for children who are enrolled in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program. Here is detailed description of the roles and responsibilities of each entity in the provision of Medical Foster Care services.

Activity	Lead Party Responsible				Community Based Care Lead Agency
	Medicaid Health Plan	Department of Health – Medical Foster Care (MFC) Staff	Department of Health – Children’s Multidisciplinary Team (CMAT) Staff ¹	CMAT Team ²	
Provides initial and ongoing competency based training for a foster parent desiring the become a MFC Medicaid provider		X			
Enrolls foster parent who has completed DOH’s training into the health plan’s provider network	X – see footnote ³				
Makes Referrals to CMAT for a staffing for MFC services	X				X
Receives and reviews referral for MFC services		X			
Schedules CMAT staffing to determine eligibility and level of care for MFC services			X		
Ensures completion of health risk assessments/comprehensive assessments of the child	X				
Collects clinical and psychosocial assessment information for the CMAT staffing (with input from the health plan)			X		
Participates in CMAT staffing (initial, recurring, and emergency)	X	X	X	X	X

¹ CMAT = Children’s Multidisciplinary Assessment Team; Registered nurses and social workers employed by the Department of Health

² Parties include the foster parent, child, dependency case manager, health plan, guardian ad-litem, MFC staff, and anyone else involved in the child’s care who wishes to participate

³ DOH MFC team may continue to assist foster parents with the enrollment process, complying with the requirements established by the health plan; however, health plans will have their own technical assistance processes that the provider can utilize to assist with the credentialing process.

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Recommends level of care based on assessment information presented				X- see footnote ⁴	
Coordinates placement of the child in conjunction with CBC and health plan once level of care is recommended by the CMAT team		X			
Reviews all MFC placement decisions, transfers, and discharges prior to implementation		X			X
Develops the MFC plan of care that outlines interventions of the MFC provider (parent) and any other doctor’s orders.	X – see footnote ⁵				
Updates the plan of care in accordance with the MFC policy.	X				
Provides oversight of whether the MFC provider is complying with training requirements (monitoring of quality of services of MFC parent-provider, monitoring of MFC parent-provider and child interaction, monitoring safety).		X			
Provides care coordination services to address all of the child’s needs (medical, developmental, and psychosocial)	X – see footnote ⁶				
Provides 24/7 on-call clinical support to the MFC provider		X			

⁴ In the event the CMAT team cannot reach consensus on the level of care recommendation, the health plan will have final decision-making authority

⁵ The health plan will share the POC with the DOH MFC team and the MFC provider

⁶ The health plan will assign a care coordinator to these children

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Makes dependency court appearances, as needed/requested to address the status of the child	X	X			
After the initial and emergency CMAT staffing, cases are staffed every 180 days or less depending on the child’s medical issues to ensure appropriate level of care				X	
Reimburses for MFC services (i.e., pays the provider)	X				
Arranges for and reimburses all other SMMC covered medical and behavioral health services (during receipt of MFC services and upon discharge)	X				
Takes lead on health care (i.e., services) transition planning	X				
Frequency of contact with the MFC provider	At least monthly, but more frequently if needed	Ongoing and as needed	In preparation for staffing		Ongoing and as needed