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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal: 2020-13

Applicable to the **2018-2023 SMMC contract benefits** for:

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

Re: Statewide Essential Providers

Pursuant to s. 409.975(1)(b), F.S., certain providers are statewide resources and essential providers for all managed care plans in all regions. The managed care plan must include these essential providers in its network, even if the provider is located outside of the region served by the managed care plan. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section VIII.A.7.a.) The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify the managed care plan about a change in the statewide essential providers for hospitals licensed as specialty children's hospitals.

The contract currently identifies Shriners Hospitals for Children as a statewide essential provider. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section VIII.A.7.b.(3.)) Effective August 1, 2019, Shriners Hospitals for Children relinquished its hospital license and is no longer eligible as a statewide essential provider.

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

Sincerely,

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