



CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES NETWORK PLAN

Florida Medicaid has a new program called the Managed Medical Assistance program. Under the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program, most Medicaid recipients will receive their medical services through a managed care plan. Managed care plans are companies that help people get their health care services. Managed care plans pay for doctor visits and other health care services, like hospital care or prescription drugs. Sometimes managed care plans require health care services to be approved ahead of time, unless it is an emergency.

Medicaid recipients will be able to choose from different managed care plans and enroll in the one that will best meet their needs. Recipients with certain diagnoses or conditions may be eligible to enroll in a specialty plan.

Children who are Currently Enrolled in Children's Medical Services

The Department of Health, Children's Medical Services (CMS) will operate a statewide specialty plan for children under the age of 21 who have special health care needs and chronic conditions under the Managed Medical Assistance program. It will be called the Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN) plan. The start date for this plan is August 1, 2014.

Children with special health care needs or chronic medical conditions enrolled in CMS can continue to participate in CMS until the implementation of the CMSN plan on August 1, 2014. At that time, these children will be automatically enrolled in the CMSN plan, but they can also choose a different Managed Medical Assistance plan.

Children must have a chronic condition or special health care need in order to enroll in the CMSN plan. Siblings who do not meet the criteria are not eligible to enroll in the CMSN plan. They can enroll in a different Managed Medical Assistance plan.

Children who are eligible for both the CMSN Plan and the Child Welfare Specialty Plan

Children who are in the care of the Department of Children and Families can choose to enroll in one of the available MMA plans in their region or the statewide Child Welfare Specialty plan. If these children are currently receiving services through CMS, they can also choose to enroll in the CMSN plan when it is implemented in August 2014.

Covered Services under the CMSN Plan

- ❖ All Managed Medical Assistance plans, including the CMSN plan are responsible for covering medical, dental, and behavioral health services for children.
- ❖ All Managed Medical Assistance plans, including the CMSN plan are also responsible for covering the following specialized health services for its enrollees:

- Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program;
- Behavioral Health Overlay Services;
- Substance Abuse Services;
- Targeted Group Care Services;
- Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care Services; and
- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment

In the past, many of these services have only been available through fee-for-service Medicaid.

- ❖ The CMSN plan will not offer expanded benefits.
- ❖ The CMSN plan will pay its providers at the established Medicaid fee schedule rate.
- ❖ The Partners in Care: Together for Kids (PIC: TFK) program (also known as the Program for All-inclusive Care for Children (PACC)) will only be provided to recipients enrolled in the CMSN plan.

Resource Information

Children who are clinically eligible for CMS, but who receive a letter in error requiring them to choose another plan should call the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care hotline toll-free at 1-877-711-3662 (TDD: 1-866-467-4970) to remain in the current CMS program.

For more information about the SMMC Program, please visit: www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC