



The Individual Budgeting (iBudget) Waiver and the Managed Medical Assistance Program

Florida Medicaid has a new program called the Managed Medical Assistance program. Under the Managed Medical Assistance 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 inpatient care or dental services. Sometimes managed care plans require health care services to be authorized ahead of time, unless it is an emergency.

What you need to know if you are enrolled in the iBudget waiver

Medicaid recipients on the iBudget waiver or the waitlist list for iBudget services are not required to enroll in the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program – they are “voluntary” for this program. This means they can choose to enroll in an MMA plan or continue to receive their medical services from fee-for-service Medicaid.

What does this mean for Medicaid recipients on the iBudget waiver or on the iBudget wait list?

- Choosing to enroll in an MMA plan will not affect a recipient’s iBudget services. The MMA plan does not pay for waiver services.
- Recipients who choose an MMA plan can disenroll from the MMA plan at any time, without a good cause reason.
- Recipients who choose not to enroll in an MMA plan will receive their medical services on a fee-for-service basis.

Why would recipients choose to enroll in an MMA plan, if they don’t have to?

- MMA plans can offer extra services (like adult dental), also called expanded benefits. These services are only for recipients who are in an MMA plan.
- MMA plans provide care coordination, which helps recipients to get the health care they need and helps their doctors to work together better.
- MMA plans must offer special programs to teach recipients how to take better care of themselves if they have a chronic illness.

Recipients enrolled in the iBudget waiver will receive a letter with more information on the MMA program. These recipients do not have to pick a managed care plan, if they do not want to.

To learn more about Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC):

Go to the Agency’s SMMC Program website at: www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC

You can view the Agency’s webinar materials on the new program by clicking on the News and Events tab and then choosing Event and Training Materials. You can watch or read the presentation called “Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities: What You Need to Know about Statewide Medicaid Managed Care for Services under the Medicaid State Plan”.