



Child Welfare Population

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.

Managed Care Plan Options for the Child Welfare Population

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. These children can also choose to enroll in the Children's Medical Services Network plan if the child also has an eligible chronic condition.

When the child receives their welcome letter, the parent or legal guardian must follow the instructions in the letter to make a plan selection. If a choice is not made, the child will be enrolled to the Child Welfare Specialty plan.

The Child Welfare Specialty Plan

The Child Welfare Specialty plan provides services to Medicaid eligible recipients under the age of 21 who have an open case in the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN). This means that they are in the care of the Department of Children and Families. The Agency contracted with Sunshine Health as a specialty plan to serve the child welfare population.

The Children's Medical Services Network Plan

The Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN) Plan provides services to Medicaid eligible recipients under the age of 21 with certain chronic conditions. Child welfare recipients who are currently enrolled with Children's Medical Services will have a choice to stay in the CMS plan, be assigned to the Child Welfare Specialty plan, or select from any of the other MMA plans. The CMSN plan will begin providing services in August 2014.

Covered Services

- ❖ All MMA plans are responsible for covering medical, dental, and behavioral health services for children.

- ❖ All MMA plans are also responsible for covering the following specialized health services:
 - Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP);
 - Behavioral Health Overlay Services (BHOS);
 - Substance Abuse Services;
 - Targeted Group Care Services (TGC)
 - Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care Services (STFC); and
 - Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment (CBHA)

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

Medical Foster Care

- ❖ The Department of Health will continue to operate the Medical Foster Care (MFC) program. Children can continue to receive medical MFC services, regardless of the recipient's plan enrollment. Medical Foster Care services will be provided through fee-for-service Medicaid. The child's managed care plan and the MFC team must work together to coordinate care.

To learn more about Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC)

Access the Agency's SMMC Program website at: www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC.