

Recent Clarification Regarding Children's Medical Services in Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance

Children who are Currently Enrolled in Children's Medical Services

Medicaid recipients who are enrolled in the Children's Medical Service (CMS) program and who are clinically eligible for the program can continue to participate in CMS until the statewide implementation of the Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN) plan on August 1, 2014. At that time, they will be automatically enrolled in the CMSN plan, but can choose a different Managed Medical Assistance plan if they desire. All recipients must meet the clinical eligibility criteria for enrollment into the CMSN plan (i.e., children with special health care needs or chronic conditions); this includes siblings. Siblings who are not clinically eligible for the CMSN plan and will need to choose a different Managed Medical Assistance plan. 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.

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

An exception to the statement above is for children who have an open case in the Florida Safe Families Network. Those children or their representative will receive a choice letter during the Managed Medical Assistance rollout for their region. At that time they can choose to enroll in the child welfare specialty plan, enroll with the CMSN plan, or choose any of the standard plans available in their region. If a choice is not made within the required timeframe, the child will be assigned to the child welfare specialty plan. However, the recipient or their representative can 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 until the new CMSN plan is available on August 1, 2014.