

Health Care Access and Coordination for Children in Foster Care

I. Purpose

Skilled nurses employed by the PERFORMING AGENCY's Fostering Healthy Children Program (FHC) will ensure that all Medicaid-eligible children in or entering foster care services through the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) are assisted to obtain and maintain timely access to coordinated State Plan medical assistance services as well as expanded Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services authorized at Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (Act) and described at 1905(r) of the Act.

II. Scope of Delegated Activities

FHC skilled nurses and their direct support staff will collect and maintain health history information on each child; locate and, as necessary, recruit qualified providers; link each child to medical, dental, and mental health services including preventive health care and all necessary follow up care; and track, monitor, and evaluate services received. Skilled nurses will also inform and educate foster parents, foster care workers, and other care givers as appropriate about the child's health care needs.

III. Cost Allocation Methodology

A. Funding for this program is based on an annual time study designed to:

1. Identify and document the percentage of time FHC nurses and their direct support staff spend performing Medicaid-covered and non-covered activities.
2. Identify and isolate the percentage of costs incurred to perform Medicaid-covered administrative activities from all other costs incurred by the program.
3. Distinguish between allowable costs for which FFP is available at the enhanced 75 percent SPMP administrative rate, and allowable costs for which FFP will be available at the 50 percent administrative rate (based on both the documented activities performed by time study participants and the qualifications required to perform each activity).

B. The PERFORMING AGENCY's allowable costs are discounted by the Medicaid Eligibility Rate (the percentage of Medicaid eligibles served by the program each quarter) to calculate Medicaid's proportional share of allowable costs.

- C. The PERFORMING AGENCY will provide the required State matching funds for this program from State legislative appropriations it receives through a revenue contract with DHS.

IV. Monitoring and Support

- A. The PERFORMING AGENCY will complete time and cost studies in accordance with the timeframes stipulated in the approved Cost Allocation Plan for the UDOH. The PRIMARY AGENCY will provide training and support to program staff as necessary to meet this requirement.