

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

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Medicaid
Coverage for
Foster Children

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff about a change in Medicaid eligibility for children in foster care. Currently, if a child is on a trial home visit longer than 180 days, the child's Alternative Care MO HealthNet/Managed Care eligibility automatically closes. The Children's Service Worker is responsible for coordinating with the Family Support Division (FSD) to close the Title XIX Information in FACES simultaneously with the opening of eligibility through FSD.

Effective tomorrow's date, the child's MO HealthNet/Managed Care eligibility will no longer close automatically at 180 days. The new policy will allow all foster children to have continuous medical coverage from the time they enter CD custody until jurisdiction is terminated, and the Alternative Care Client Information screen, SS-61, is closed in FACES. In addition, staff will no longer have to refer families to the Family Support Division (FSD) to apply for Medicaid until termination of jurisdiction is being considered. At the time a decision is made to close the case, staff should refer the family to FSD if they need additional services.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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<p>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS: Section 4 Chapter 10.11 Steps Taken in the Process of Returning the Child</p>
<p>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A</p>
<p>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A</p>
<p>RELATED STATUTE N/A</p>
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A</p>
<p>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A</p>
<p>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A</p>
<p>PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience-N/A Social Connections-N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development-N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need-N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children-N/A</p>
<p>FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A</p>