

WHEN SECURING HEALTH CARE FOR YOUR CHILD, THE DIVISION ASKS YOU TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Inform the provider (physician, hospital, clinic, pharmacist, physical therapist, etc.) that the child is eligible for Medicaid or MC+. If you have private health insurance, give the information about your private insurance to the provider.
- Show your Medicaid and/or Health Care Plan card to the provider. The Medicaid card is a red plastic card and is received from the Division of Family Services and is good as long as the person remains eligible.
- Determine if the provider is participating in Medicaid or MC+ and will agree to provide services to the child and receive payment through Medicaid or MC+. Remember, only in certain circumstances can the provider bill you for additional charges if payment has been made by an insurance company, Medicaid or MC+ and the service is included in the Medicaid or MC+ plan.
- If you have private medical insurance, ask the provider to use Medicaid/MC+ procedures in securing payment. This includes submitting the bill for payment to the private insurance company first. To collect any allowable Medicaid/MC+ payment, in addition to those charges paid by private insurance, the provider then submits the bill to Medicaid or MC+. If the provider did bill Medicaid/MC+ and a balance of service charges remain, the provider may not charge you for payment under the laws and regulations for the Medicaid/MC+ program.
- Discuss with your provider plans for payment of any charges not covered by your private insurance or Medicaid or MC+. If your insurance plan includes a deductible amount which you must pay and you believe you may have difficulty in making this payment, contact your worker. Your worker may be able to make special arrangements to meet the deductible cost.
- If the provider indicates he will not accept payment by Medicaid or MC+, you will need to locate another provider who will agree to accept Medicaid or MC+ payment. If you select not to use Medicaid/MC+ to meet the cost of health care for your child, you must pay for any services provided.
- If your child needed emergency care, contact your worker if the service was not covered by Medicaid/MC+. The Division may be able to help you with payment for the service.

- If a Medicaid/MC+ provider is not available within a reasonable geographic distance from your home, contact your Adoption Subsidy Worker to make special arrangements for your child to receive needed health care services.
- Contact your Adoption Subsidy Worker about any questions you may have regarding payment for health care for your adopted child.

By following the above steps, payment for needed health care for your child through your Adoption Subsidy Agreement will be made easier.

NOTE: If you move to another state, your adopted child may be eligible for Medicaid in the new residence state. Please contact your worker so that the new state of residence can be notified of your child's eligibility for the Medicaid program. The Missouri Division of Family Services will continue to be responsible for any other services specified in your Adoption Subsidy Agreement.