

## 2010 Fact Sheet (Revised July 2010)

# Fostering Well-Being Program: A Partnership between the Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) and Children's Administration

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## WHAT IS THE NEW FOSTERING WELL-BEING PROGRAM?

The Department of Social and Health Services is committed to improving healthcare services for children in out-of-home placement. The Fostering Well-Being (FWB) program is a collaborative effort between the MPA and Children's Administration. Fostering Well-Being uses a person-centered health model to address the comprehensive healthcare needs of children in out-of-home placement and better aligns the Department's resources to improve health outcomes for these children.

## WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THIS PROGRAM?

- ▶ Medical ID cards issued to all children in out-of-home placement within three (3) working days of placement notification
- ▶ CHILD Profile Immunization information reports mailed to caregivers within three (3) working days of placement notification
- ▶ Medical records requested for the last two (2) years for all children in out-of-home placement for more than 30 days
- ▶ Care coordination of health concerns provided for children in out-of-home placement
- ▶ Fostering Well-Being program managers and clinical nurse advisors are available for consultation with social workers and caregivers regarding individual health questions and concerns
- ▶ Six (6) Regional Medical Consultants continue to be a vital link for social workers, caregivers, and local medical communities
- ▶ Healthcare reports mailed to caregivers within three (3) working days of initial placement notification. (Fall 2010)
- ▶ Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) or Well-Child Exam reminders sent to caregivers (Fall 2010)
- ▶ Health education materials mailed to caregivers for children with certain health conditions. (Fall 2010)

## WHAT IS CARE COORDINATION?

Care coordination services assure access to effective and comprehensive healthcare for children in out-of-home placement. Care coordination addresses the child's interrelated medical, dental, mental health, chemical dependency, and developmental needs to achieve optimal health and wellness outcomes.

## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF CARE COORDINATION?

- ▶ Support and promote access to a person-centered health home to address health-related needs
- ▶ Coordinate effective linkages between caregivers; community-based healthcare services including primary care providers, specialty care, mental health and substance abuse agencies; state and local agencies; and other key partners
- ▶ Increase EPSDT examination rates
- ▶ Measure and evaluate interventions to achieve optimal health and wellness outcomes

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