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

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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