

## **MEDICAID OUTREACH SERVICES**

School Health Centers and Programs throughout the state, such as the School Linked PAWS/CAHC Program, offer a unique advantage and opportunity to reach Medicaid and Medicaid eligible children with information on ways to access prevention services and other Medicaid programs.

These centers and programs serve as a critical link in reaching uninsured children who may qualify for Medicaid services and in assisting Medicaid eligible children in obtaining important prevention services.

This packet provides information on ways to enroll children and adolescents in Medicaid Services, and how to assist Medicaid eligible children in obtaining prevention services such as EPSDT screens (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment).

### **Determining Medicaid Eligibility:**

Health care coverage is available to individuals and families who meet certain eligibility requirements. The goal of these health care programs is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise do not have the financial resources to purchase them.

It is very important that individuals and families obtain health care coverage. In Michigan, there are many health care programs available to children, adults, and families. Specific coverage's may vary depending on the program and the applicant's citizenship status (some non-citizens may be limited to coverage of emergency services only). The Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS) determines eligibility for some of the health care programs that are administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

All of the health care programs in Michigan have an income test and some of the programs also have an asset test. These income and asset tests may vary with each program. For some of the programs, the applicant may have income that is over the income limit and still be able to obtain health care benefits when their medical expenses equal or exceed their deductible (formerly known as spend-down) amount.

### **Enrollment Process:**

The School Linked PAWS/Community Adolescent Health Center is available to help families enroll in public health insurance programs. The School Linked PAWS/CAHC also provides primary care services.

If you know of a child/family that is uninsured or in need of Medicaid eligible prevention services:

1. Provide the parent with a Medicaid Outreach Services Form (for uninsured families).
2. Call the School Linked PAWS/CAHC at 269-273-1418
3. Call School Linked Nurse Liaison at 273-1418.

### **Medicaid Services and Programs for CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS:**

- **Healthy Kids**

Healthy Kids is a Medicaid health care program for low-income children under age 19 and for Pregnant Women of any age. There is only an income test. There is no monthly premium for Healthy Kids. Most children who are eligible for Healthy Kids are enrolled in a Medicaid health plan. Healthy Kids provides a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services.

- MiChild**  
 MiChild is a health care program administered by the Department of Community Health. It is for the low income uninsured children of Michigan's working families. MiChild has a higher income limit than Healthy Kids. There is only an income test. Like Healthy Kids, MiChild is for children who are under age 19. There is a \$10 per family monthly premium for MiChild. The \$10 monthly premium is for all of the children in one family. The child must be enrolled in a MiChild health and dental plan in order to receive services. Beneficiaries receive a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services.
- Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)**  
 Children's Special Health Care Services is a program within the Michigan Department of Community Health that provides certain approved medical service coverage to some children and adults with special health care needs. Children must have a qualifying medical condition and be under 21 years of age. Persons 21 and older with cystic fibrosis or certain blood coagulating disorders may also qualify for services.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**  
 SSI is a cash benefit for disabled children whose families have low income. The Social Security Administration (SSA) determines SSI eligibility. The beneficiaries are automatically eligible for Medicaid and they receive the comprehensive package of health benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services. Most beneficiaries are enrolled in a Medicaid health plan. Medicaid may continue even if SSI stops.
- Special Disabled Children**  
 Medicaid is available to children who received SSI benefits on August 22, 1996, provided the child meets current SSI income and resource standards and the definition of childhood disability in effect before the 1996 revised disability definition. The comprehensive health care package of Medicaid benefits is available. Contact the local MDHS office in your county to apply for this program.

## **Medicaid Services and Programs for ADULTS**

- Healthy Michigan Plan**  
 Healthy Michigan Plan makes health care benefits available to individuals at a low cost. On April 1, 2014, Michigan residents will be able to get health care coverage through the Healthy Michigan Plan. Now thousands more people will be able to afford health care coverage which means more people will be preventing illnesses and getting healthy.
- Caretaker Relatives**  
 Medicaid is available to eligible parents and people who act as parents, caring for a dependent child. These people are called caretaker relatives. There is an income test and an asset test (beginning May 1, 2006) for this program. If the income test is over the income limit, persons may incur medical expenses that equal or exceed the deductible and still qualify for this program. Beneficiaries receive a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services. Contact the local MDHS office in your county to apply for this program.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**  
 SSI is a cash benefit to low income adults who are aged, disabled, or blind. The Social Security Administration (SSA) determines SSI eligibility. SSI beneficiaries are automatically eligible for Medicaid and the comprehensive package of health care benefits including, vision, dental, and mental health services. Medicaid may continue even if SSI stops. Contact the Social Security Administration to apply for this program.

## **Medicaid Services and Programs for FAMILIES**

Many times, the entire family may be eligible for health care benefits:

- **Low Income Families (LIF)**

Medicaid is available to families under the Low Income Family (LIF) Program. There are income and asset tests. Families that receive cash assistance (Family Independence Program or FIP) are automatically eligible for this program. Other families must apply at the local MDHS office. Families don't have to apply for FIP in order to receive health care coverage under this program. Most beneficiaries are enrolled in a Medicaid health plan and receive a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services.

- **Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA)**

TMA is available to families that have received LIF or cash assistance (FIP) in at least 3 of the last 6 months. The family is no longer LIF/FIP eligible because a parent has too much income from employment. TMA is available for up to 12 months and the family does not need to fill out a new application. Most beneficiaries are enrolled in a Medicaid health plan and receive a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services. Your Family Independence Specialist at the Department of Human Services will let you know if you qualify for this program.

- **Transitional Medical Assistance Plus (TMA-Plus)**

TMA-Plus assists beneficiaries in achieving self-sufficiency by extending medical coverage for families unable to purchase employer-sponsored health care coverage. TMA-Plus is available to adults after the 12 months of TMA. The family must apply and be eligible for the TMA-Plus program. There is only an income limit. There are monthly premiums based on the number of adults and how long they have been in the TMA-Plus program. TMA-Plus is not available for children. The DHS specialist will tell you about health care coverage for the children in the family. If available, the beneficiaries must be enrolled in a Medicaid health plan. Beneficiaries receive a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services. Your DHS specialist will let you know if you qualify for this program.

## **Medicaid Eligible Services**

Medicaid covers medically necessary services such as ambulance, chiropractic, dental, doctor visits, family planning, health checkups for children and adults, hearing and speech, home health care, hospice care, hospital care, lab, x-ray, nursing home care, medical supplies, medicine prescribed by a doctor, mental health, personal care services, physical and occupational therapy, podiatry, obstetrical care, private duty nursing, immunizations, substance abuse service, surgery, and vision. A yearly health exam is provided. Some of these services are limited, may not be covered for beneficiaries age 21 and older, or may require prior approval.

- **Non-Emergency Transportation Services:**

Medicaid will pay for transportation to medical or dental visits if services are necessary. This must be approved before the visit. For more information contact the Department of Human Services.

- **Emergency Room Care:**

Emergency room visits are for serious medical conditions only. If the emergency room is used for routine care, the Medicaid recipient may be billed. Routine care includes minor ailments like the flu, a cold, or an earache.

- **Dental:**

Dental services are covered by Medicaid. It is a separate benefit.

- **Pharmacy:**

Medicaid will pay for medications prescribed by a doctor.

- **Health Care Programs:**

Medicaid covers well-child and free health check-ups for people under 21. Checkups include: head-to-toe exam, health history, height, weight and head measurements, tests for normal growth and development, blood pressure check, needed immunizations, health education and information, blood lead testing and other lab tests needed; and referral to a dentist or other medical provider.

- **Immunizations:**

The state requires that all children entering Michigan child care programs and schools have all the required shots. Michigan Medicaid follows all the recommendations and guidelines issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices.

- **Family Planning Services:**

Both men and women can get family planning services. Medicaid covers family planning services including doctor visits, medical exams, pregnancy testing, birth control counseling, birth control methods, testing for sexually transmitted infections, HIV.AIDS testing, and education and counseling.

## **Providers accepting Medicaid Health Plans:**

- **Health Care Program Services:**

- **Beacon Health System - Three Rivers Health Family Care Clinics**  
721 Sixth Avenue, Three Rivers: 269.279.9782  
110 E. Main Street, Marcellus: 269.646.0443  
119th Kalamazoo St, White Pigeon: 269.483.7624
- PAWS Community Adolescent Health Center  
721 Sixth Avenue, Ste. B  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
269.273.1418
- Three Rivers Health Center for Family Medicine  
850 S. Health Parkway  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
269.279.5240

- **Dental Care:**

- Michigan Community Dental Clinics of Three Rivers  
721 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite B  
Three Rivers, MI  
269.273.3247  
Hours: Tues- Fri 8am – 4:30pm
- Dr. Paul Blank, DDS  
213 Spring Street  
Three Rivers, MI  
269. 279.5278
- Dr. Malinoski & Associates DDS PC – accepting ‘Healthy Kids Dental’  
717 S. Health Parkway  
Three Rivers, MI  
269.279.7876

- **Vision**

- Southwest Vision Center  
314 South US 131  
Three Rivers, MI  
269.273.8588
- River Country Eye Care  
1107 W. Broadway Street  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
269.244.3350
- Clarkson EyeCare  
56847 North Main  
Three Rivers, MI  
269.279.2020

If you have any questions please feel free to call 269.273.1418 and ask to speak the Program Coordinator and School Linked Nurse Liaison.

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