



## **Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (CMAT) Services**

### **What are CMAT Services?**

- ❖ CMAT is an interagency coordinated effort of Medicaid in the Agency for Health Care Administration; Office of Family Safety in the Department of Children and Families; the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; and Children's Medical Services in the Department of Health.
- ❖ Certain Medicaid services require a recommendation from the CMAT for reimbursement. Medicaid-enrolled children under the age of 21 years of age referred for the following services require a CMAT recommendation:
  - Nursing Facility Services
  - Medical Foster Care
  - Model Waiver

### **CMAT Services in Statewide Medicaid Managed Care:**

Most children in Medicaid will now be required to enroll in a managed care plan through the Managed Medical Assistance program (MMA). A level of care recommendation developed by the CMAT is still required for a child enrolled in an MMA plan if the following services are being recommended:

- Nursing Facility Services
- Medical Foster Care
- Model Waiver

### **The MMA plan will:**

- ❖ Work with the parent/legal guardian to initiate a referral for a CMAT level of care recommendation, if any of the above services/programs are needed.
- ❖ Coordinate with the local CMAT staff.
- ❖ Attend the CMAT staffing for their enrollees.
- ❖ Coordinate the services for their enrollees and ensure that all medically necessary care is authorized and provided timely.

### **The CMAT will:**

- ❖ Complete the intake process of a referral.
- ❖ Complete a psychosocial and nursing assessment.
- ❖ Schedule the CMAT staffing in coordination with the parent/legal guardian and plan in which the child is enrolled.
- ❖ Make a level of care recommendation.

For local CMAT information, contact the Department of Health/Children's Medical Services local office. The office numbers are located on the following Web site:

[http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/home/contact/area\\_offices.html](http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/home/contact/area_offices.html).