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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal

Policy Transmittal: 14-04

Applicable to:

Contract Type

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Long-term Care Plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term Care Fee-for-Service PSN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Managed Medical Assistance HMO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children's Medical Services' Network |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Managed Medical Assistance PSN | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Managed Medical Assistance Specialty Plan | |

Re: Hospice Concurrent Care Policy

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify Managed Care Plans (MCP) of federal requirements on the provision of hospice and curative care:

Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) removes the prohibition of curative care for children diagnosed with a terminal illness who continue to be supported by hospice programs. Effective January 1, 2012, children under age 21 who meet hospice criteria may receive hospice services while concurrently receiving all other Medicaid services, including curative treatment for their terminal diagnosis. This change allows children with terminal illnesses and their families to receive a blended package of curative and palliative services. These services and supports may include pain management and family counseling provided by specially-trained hospice staff.

Concurrent Care for Children is a mandatory provision for all states. Florida amended its Medicaid State Plan effective January 1, 2012 to implement this provision of the ACA. Under the policy for concurrent care for children, curative services are paid for separately from those provided under the child's hospice benefit. The MCPs, hospice, and treating providers must work closely together to ensure care plans and services are coordinated.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Agency contract manager at (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,

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