October 2, 2014

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Contract Interpretation

Contract Interpretation: 14-07

Re: Primary Payer of Expanded Benefits

Applicable to:

- Comprehensive Long-term Care (LTC) Plan
- Managed Medical Assistance Health Maintenance Organization
- Managed Medical Assistance Provider Service Network
- Managed Medical Assistance Specialty Plan
- Children’s Medical Services Network Plan

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance related to the primary payer of expanded benefits when the benefit is offered by both the Long-term Care (LTC) plan and the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) plan. Expanded benefits are subject to any Agency-agreed service limitations (Attachment II, Section V.B.1.b).

The Agency for Health Care Administration provides the following guidance:

- In instances where an expanded benefit is covered by both an LTC plan and an MMA plan, the LTC plan is the primary payer of the service.
- Long-term Care plans must coordinate with the enrollee’s MMA plan to ensure services are not duplicative but rather support the enrollee in an efficient and effective manner.
- When the enrollee exhausts an expanded benefit through their LTC benefit, the enrollee may begin to access the service through their MMA benefit.
- The MMA plan becomes responsible for providing the service and for payment of the expanded benefit when the enrollee exhausts the expanded benefit through the LTC plan.

Pursuant to Attachment II, Section XII.I. Disputes, the managed care plan must submit, within twenty-one (21) days after the interpretation of the Contract, a written dispute of the Contract interpretation directly to the Deputy Secretary; this submission shall include all arguments, materials, data, and information necessary to resolve the dispute (to include all evidence, documentation and exhibits). All other provisions in this section apply. Please submit such written requests to the following address:

Attn: Mr. Justin Senior
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
Managed Care Appeals/Disputes, MS #70
2727 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Agency contract manager at (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Operations

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