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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Contract Interpretation

Contract Interpretation: 14-08

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 (CMSN) Plan

Re: Newborn Hearing Screening and Newborn Screening Services

The purpose of this contract interpretation is to provide guidance on the provision of the newborn hearing screening services and the newborn screening services covered under the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Contract.

Newborn Hearing Screening Services

The provisions of the Contract that require MMA plans to cover any newborn hearing screening services (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section V.A.1.a.14.(o).viii. and Section V.A.1.a.15.(a).*) directly conflict with Florida Statutes (F.S.). Pursuant to s. 383.145, F.S., Florida Medicaid shall directly cover and reimburse for newborn hearing screening services.

Managed Medical Assistance plans must cease reimbursement of the newborn hearing screening service and void claims for services provided after May 1, 2014 and prior to the date of this communication. Managed Medical Assistance plans shall instruct their providers that the service is not covered by the plan and that claims must be submitted directly to Medicaid for reimbursement.

Newborn Screening Services

Managed Medical Assistance plans shall cover newborn screening services and must do so in accordance with s. 383.14, F.S. The State requires that all newborns in the state undergo laboratory screening process to test for metabolic, hereditary and congenital disorders known to result in significant impairment of health or intellect. Florida Statutes require that these labs must be processed through the State Public Health Laboratory.

* Standards related to the newborn hearing screening services in the CMSN Plan contract are codified in Attachment I, Section V.A.1.a.14.(o).(viii). and Section V.A.1.a.15.(a)., Covered Services.



Managed Medical Assistance plans shall reimburse for these screenings at the established Medicaid rate and must enter into either a provider agreement or a contract with the State Public Health Laboratory. Contact and billing information for the State Public Health Laboratory are in the attachment to this contract interpretation. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes used for billing bloodspot testing by the State Public Health Laboratory are:

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82261	82379	82775	83021	
83520	83788	83498	84437	

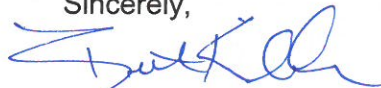
Managed Medical Assistance plans have 60 days from the date of this contract interpretation to come into compliance and to be capable of processing claims for these services.

Pursuant to Attachment II, Section XII.I. Disputes, the Managed Medical Assistance 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 any questions, please contact your Agency contract manager (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Deputy Secretary for
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Attachment

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State Public Health Laboratory Contact Information for Newborn Screening Services

All newborn blood testing is conducted by the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories in the laboratory located at 1217 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The telephone number for this laboratory is (904) 791-1500.

Newborn blood testing is billed under Medicaid provider #030777700, NPI #1518983642. Inquiries related to billing newborn blood testing should be directed to Ms. Regina T. Fisher, Administrative Service Director, Bureau of Public Health Laboratories, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support, Florida Department of Health. Ms. Fisher may be contacted by telephone at (904) 791-1709, by email at Regina_Taylor@doh.state.fl.us, or by mail at PO BOX 210, Jacksonville, FL 32231-0042.