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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal

Policy Transmittal: 16-17

Applicable to:
- Long-term Care Provider Service Network
- 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 (CMS) Plan

Applicable to enrollees in:
- Managed Medical Assistance (MMA)
- Long-term Care (LTC)

Re: Expanded and Other Benefits

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to clarify a managed care alert published by the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) on April 25, 2016 on Expanded Benefits and Other Benefits, to advise managed care plans of system enhancements related to expanded benefits, and to define other benefits.

Managed care plans may offer expanded benefits as approved by the Agency. (Attachment II, Section V.B.1.a.) Such expanded benefits are those services or benefits not otherwise covered, or that exceed limits outlined in the Medicaid state plan, the Florida Medicaid Coverage and Limitations Handbooks and Coverage Policies, or the Florida Medicaid Fee Schedules. (Attachment II, Section V.B.2.b.) The Agency is implementing system enhancements that will better allow the Agency to identify and categorize encounter data submissions within the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) related to expanded benefits reimbursed by the managed care plans. For expanded benefits that were effective prior to May 1, 2016, the target timeframe to implement these system changes is August 11, 2016. For expanded benefits approved by the Agency on April 18, 2016, the target timeframe to implement additional system changes is August 26, 2016 for expanded over-the-counter medication and supplies, and December 2016 for expanded medical benefits.

Managed care plans may also cover other benefits. An other benefit is a service covered by managed care plans for all or some enrollees (based upon criteria established by the managed care plan) that exceeds coverage and limitations specified under the Medicaid state plan, including services provided in accordance with Attachment II, Section VII.G.1.d of the Contract. Other benefits do not include approved expanded benefits offered by managed care plans. Other benefits may be included in capitation rate setting as determined by the Agency. No system enhancements are needed related to encounters for other benefits submitted by managed care plans.
If you have any questions, please contact your Agency contract manager at (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,

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