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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal

Policy Transmittal: 18-14

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 (CMS) Plan

Applicable to enrollees in:

- Managed Medical Assistance (MMA)
- Long-term Care (LTC)

Re: New Statewide Essential Provider: Wolfson Children's Hospital

Pursuant to s. 409.975(1)(b), F.S., certain providers are statewide resources and essential providers for all managed care plans in all regions. The managed care plan shall include these essential providers in its network, even if the provider is located outside of the region served by the managed care plan. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section VI.A.7.a.¹) Statewide essential providers include hospitals licensed as specialty children's hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), F.S., including All Children's Hospital, Miami Children's Hospital, Nemours; and Shriners Hospitals for Children. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section VI.A.7.b.(3)²) The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify the managed care plan of a new statewide essential provider.

Wolfson Children's Hospital is licensed as specialty children's hospital. Effective immediately, Wolfson Children's Hospital is therefore a statewide essential provider under this contract. The contract requires the managed care plan to continue to negotiate in good faith with all statewide essential providers not under contract with the managed care plan. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section VI.A.7.c.³) Except for payments for emergency services, managed medical assistance plans must make payments to a non-participating specialty children's hospital equal to the highest rate established by contract between that provider and any other Medicaid managed care plan. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section VI.A.7.c.(3)) The Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan must make payments to a non-participating specialty children's hospital in accordance with the requirements in Attachment I, Section VI.A.2.g.(3)(c) of the CMS Plan contract.

¹ The citation for the CMS Plan is Attachment I, Section VI.A.2.g.(1)

² The citation for the CMS Plan is Attachment I, Section VI.A.2.g.(2)(c)

³ The citation for the CMS Plan is Attachment I, Section VI.A.2.g.(3)



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shevaun Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S".

Shevaun Harris
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