

Foster Care Medicaid



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Agenda

Foster Care Medicaid Policy:

- ❑ Eligibility
- ❑ Certification
- ❑ Disenrollment
- ❑ Enrollment and Disenrollment
- ❑ Enhancements
- ❑ Redetermination Period
- ❑ Roles and Responsibilities
 - Child Welfare
 - Income Maintenance (IM) Agencies



Foster Care Medicaid Eligibility

- ❑ No changes to current Foster Care Medicaid Eligibility policy.
- ❑ Children who are placed into out-of-home care by the child welfare agency are categorically eligible for Foster Care Medicaid.
- ❑ No paper documentation or verification is required to establish Foster Care Medicaid eligibility.
- ❑ Foster Care Medicaid takes priority over any other benefit plans.



Foster Care Medicaid Certification

- ❑ Foster Care Medicaid is certified for 12 months from the date the child enters out-of-home care.
 - Example: June 15, 2015 – May 31, 2016
- ❑ If the child is still in out-of-home care in the 12th month, Foster Care Medicaid can be administratively renewed for a subsequent 12-month certification period.



Out of State Placements

- ❑ If a child is placed into an out-of-state location but still remains under Wisconsin custody, the child remains eligible for Foster Care Medicaid in Wisconsin.
- ❑ If the other state is agreeable to providing coverage for the child, Foster Care Medicaid can be “transferred” to the other state as long as the child is not dually enrolled in Medicaid in both states at the same time.
- ❑ The coordination for purposes of determining whether Foster Care Medicaid eligibility should remain in Wisconsin or be transferred to another state will be the responsibility of the child welfare agency.



Foster Care Medicaid Disenrollment

- Once the child welfare agency has discharged the child from out-of-home care, federal regulations require that the child get an eligibility determination under a separate category of Medicaid.
- Child welfare agencies and IM agencies are expected to work together to get an eligibility determination completed for the child.



Foster Care Medicaid Disenrollment

- Foster Care Medicaid eligibility must be maintained until:
 - The child is determined eligible for another category of Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus;
 - The child is determined ineligible for any other type of Medicaid;
 - The child or family has failed to provide the required information to complete an eligibility determination or chooses not to pursue Medicaid benefits; or
 - The child dies or leaves Wisconsin.



October 2015 eWISACWIS Enhancements

- ❑ Automation of Foster Care Medicaid enrollment, recertification, and disenrollment in ForwardHealth InterChange (iC):
 - 12-month certification period,
 - Administrative Renewal in 12th month of certification, and
 - 3-month redetermination period.
- ❑ Address changes will be sent to iC in a daily batch file.
- ❑ Will generate a report of children discharged from out-of-home care to facilitate a Medicaid eligibility redetermination by the IM agency.



Redetermination Period

- Upon discharge from out-of-home care, eWISACWIS will certify Foster Care Medicaid for an additional three months beginning after the month of discharge.
 - During this time the IM agency must make the Medicaid redetermination.
- The child welfare agency will provide education to the family about health care for the child.



Redetermination Period

- eWISCAWIS will generate a report of children discharged from out-of-home care that includes:
 - Child's name
 - Child's date of birth
 - Child's Social Security Number
 - Parent or guardian's name
 - Address



Redetermination Period

- The Centralized Document Processing Unit (CDPU) will receive the report and research whether the child is returning to a household with an open case in CARES.
 - For children returning to an open CARES case, the CDPU will create a Request for Assistance (RFA) to route to the IM agency and follow normal RFA procedures.
 - For children returning to a household with no open CARES case or for Former Foster Care Youths (FFCYs), the CDPU will mail an application to the address provided.



Roles and Responsibilities - Child Welfare

- ❑ Certify children placed in out-of-home care for Foster Care Medicaid.
 - eWISACWIS sends the appropriate med stat code to iC.
- ❑ Administratively renew Foster Care Medicaid in the 12th month if the child remains in an out-of-home care placement.
- ❑ Enter placement and discharge information into eWISACWIS within five business days.
- ❑ Educate parents or legal guardians about the need for a health care redetermination at the time of discharge.
- ❑ Generate report of children discharged from out-of-home care.



Roles and Responsibilities – IM

Determine eligibility for the child, within the three-month redetermination period, using BadgerCare Plus or other Medicaid eligibility rules.



Timeline

July 2015	Brief child welfare and IM agencies
August 2015	Child welfare outreach and county training
September 2015	Publish both child welfare numbered memo and IM operations memo
October 2015	Implementation



Questions?

