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Questions/Answers

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Question/Issue:

Submitted by: Various Individuals
County Authority: All HealthChoices Counties
Topic Area: Coverage of Services to Juveniles Temporarily Detained in JDC's

Please address concerns regarding Medical Assistance (MA) managed care coverage and service providers licensing requirements that are necessary to provide behavioral health services to youths who are temporarily placed in Juvenile Detention Centers (JDC's).

Background/Context Submitted with the Request:

Clarification of this issue is needed in order to preclude any potential gap in service, MA fee-for-service coverage, MA recipient eligibility, Behavioral Health Managed Care (BH-MCO) enrollment and MA provider enrollment as they apply to stages of detention, court adjudication, type of service and place of service.

OMHSAS

Answer/Response:

OMHSAS has coordinated this response with appropriate staff from the Office of Medical Assistance Programs and the Office of Children, Youth and Families.

1. Managed care coverage and MA fee-for-service coverage of services to juveniles who are temporarily detained in JDCs.

Clarification:

Managed Care -

- Medical Assistance Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations (BH-MCOs) cover behavioral health services for

eligible youth in JDCs during the first 35 days of detention for services performed outside the walls of the JDC. Behavioral health services performed inside the walls of a JDC prior to a court's adjudication are paid by the MA fee-for-service system.

- After the 35th day of detention and prior to court adjudication, the MA eligible youth is disenrolled from the BH-MCO and behavioral health services (whether obtained inside or outside the walls of the JDC) are covered by the MA fee-for-service system.
- When the court's order is implemented and the juvenile is placed in a state operated secure facility (see note under "Fee-For-Service" below), such as a Youth Forestry Camp or Youth Detention Centers, the youth is no longer eligible for MA and responsibility for payment of behavioral health services reverts to the juvenile corrections system.
- If the MA eligible youth is court adjudicated to probation, parental custody or other community based placement, the BHMCO covers the cost of medically necessary behavioral health services. If the youth was disenrolled from the MCO while placed in the JDC, he or she must re-enroll.

Fee-for-service - (includes primary care case management programs, the Family Care Network and the Lancaster Community Health Plan)

- The MA fee-for-service system currently reimburses providers for behavioral health services performed inside and/or outside the walls of a JDC until the youth is court adjudicated.

Note: A juvenile who is placed in a JDC pending a court order, may be eligible for MA. The same juvenile loses MA eligibility when the court order is implemented and the youth is placed in a secure facility, such as a Youth Forestry Camp or YDC.

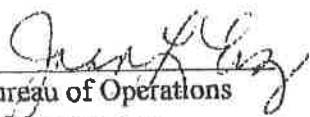
- If the court orders the youth to a state operated secure residential facility, he or she is no longer eligible for Medical Assistance and payment for behavioral health services reverts to the juvenile corrections system.
- If a court orders the youth to probation, parental custody or other community placement, the MA fee-for-service system continues to pay for behavioral health services.

2. Licensing requirements and MA provider enrollment requirements necessary for behavioral health providers to provide services inside the walls of a JDC.

Clarification:
Fee-for-service

- In order for a service provider to provide behavioral health outpatient psychiatric clinic services to juveniles temporarily placed in detention centers, the provider must be licensed and enrolled in the MA Program as an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic or the detention center must be added to the licensed outpatient clinic's certificate of compliance as an approved satellite clinic site by contacting the OMHSAS Division of Standards and Licensing, Field Office. If the detention center is approved as a satellite clinic site, the licensed outpatient clinic provider must contact the MA provider enrollment section to add this approved site to its provider file before billing for services provided by this approved clinic site.
- If the licensed outpatient clinic wishes to provide behavioral health services in addition to outpatient psychiatric clinic services (to MA eligible youth), the licensed outpatient clinic must also enroll with MA as a provider type 50 and bill those services as provider type 50 services and not as Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic services.
- To provide services that are not MA reimbursable, the provider, (in this case the psychiatrist) could perform them inside the walls of the detention center using his or her private practice license, but as a private practitioner only. To perform the same services inside the walls of the detention center on behalf of the licensed outpatient clinic, the outpatient clinic would have to add the detention center (as an approved satellite site) to its existing outpatient clinic certificate of compliance or license.

For further information please refer to the attached Office of Children, Youth and Families Bulletins: 00-94-12 Request for Medical Assistance Benefits for Juveniles Placed in County Juvenile Detention Centers and 00-96-03 Update of Policies and Procedures for MA Benefits for Juveniles in Detention Centers.


Director, Bureau of Operations
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Date: 3/14/10

POLICY CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORMOFFICE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
BUREAU OF POLICY, BUDGET AND PLANNING

(1) Requestor: OMHSAS

(2) Date of Request: 10/17/00

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(5) Supervisory Review/Approval:

(6) Specific HC RFP section(s)

(7) Specific regulatory cite(s) and/or MA Bulletin(s):

(8) Question:

1) Does Medical Assistance (MA) pay for the initial psychological and/or psychiatric evaluation for the purpose of determining the medical necessity for wraparound services? Such as Behavior Therapy, Mobile Therapy, and Therapeutic Staff Support. Need for an RTF? Some counties are reporting that Juvenile Probation is being required to pay for the initial evaluation. (This is the original policy clarification question posed on 4-28-00.)

2) How is MA Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations (BH-MCOs) coverage, and recipient eligibility effected for those individuals who are: pending adjudication; adjudicated delinquent, under final disposition ordered by the court, pending implementation of the court's final dispositional order?

(9) BPBP Response:

1) The Medical Assistance (MA) program pays for medically necessary covered services provided to MA recipients by MA participating providers. As such, MA will pay for the initial psychological and/or psychiatric evaluations if these services are rendered to a MA eligible juvenile by a MA participating provider. For a juvenile who is not a MA recipient an application should be filed on the juvenile's behalf immediately with the appropriate CAO, prior to provision of the initial evaluations.

2) MA eligibility status does not change as the juvenile transitions through the various stages of the juvenile court system, rather the juvenile's MA eligibility status is dependent upon the physical setting in which the juvenile is currently located. A juvenile placed at a Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) or placed in a non-secure substitute care setting, such as a group home, is eligible for MA. A juvenile placed in a public secure facility other than a JDC, such as a Youth Forestry Camp (YFC) or Youth Development Center (YDC) is ineligible for MA upon placement. If a juvenile is being held at a JDC or non-secure setting pending the implementation of a court dispositional order for placement to a secure facility, the juvenile remains MA eligible until physically placed in the secure setting (i.e., the dispositional order is finalized).

The juvenile's eligibility for enrollment in a HealthChoices Behavioral Health (BH) MCO is likewise dependent upon the physical setting in which the juvenile is currently located, not the status of the juvenile court process. The juvenile remains enrolled in and covered by the BH MCO until physically placed in a setting that precludes continued enrollment with that BH MCO, in accordance with procedures for a child in substitute care transition. Please note that juveniles who remain in a JDC beyond 35 days are disenrolled from the HealthChoices program and the BH MCO, but remain MA eligible through the FFS program.

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(13) Division Chief Review/Approval:

