

Successful Models for Cross-Sector Collaboration to Inform Systems Change: The Role of Medicaid and Child Welfare in Supporting Early Childhood Development

Overview of Children's Medicaid Coverage in DC

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DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF)

- DHCF is the single state agency in the District of Columbia (DC) responsible for implementing and administering DC Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Alliance, and Immigrant Children's Program.
- Responsible for providing Medicaid covered services through managed care and fee-for-service programs.
- DHCF's mission is to improve health outcomes by providing access to comprehensive, cost-effective and quality healthcare services for DC residents

Division of Children's Health Services

Responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of policies, benefits and practices for children's health care services, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services benefit, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Immigrant Children's Program.

The EPSDT services benefit is the pediatric component of the Medicaid program for all children under 21 who are enrolled in the managed care or fee for service delivery systems.

Nearly All Children in the District Have Health Insurance and Medicaid is the Primary Insurer

- In 2017, about 1.2% of DC children lack health care coverage
- In 2017, over 98% of eligible children were enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP

Medicaid Enrollment FY2018

- ✓ 94,000 children were enrolled in D.C. Medicaid
- ✓ Nearly 70% of the District's children are enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP
- ✓ Over 30% of D.C. Medicaid enrollees are children

EPSDT Medicaid Benefit for Children

Early: Assessing & identifying problems early

Periodic: Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals

Screening: Providing physical, mental, developmental, dental hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems

Diagnostic: Performing diagnostic tests to follow-up when a risk is identified; and

Treatment: Control, Correct or reduce health problems found

EPSDT

Medicaid Benefit for Children



Access

- State duty to inform families of benefit and services their children are entitled to and provide assistance so that children can receive the services they need



Screenings and Education

- Assessments (and documentation) of physical, developmental and behavioral health in pediatric primary care visits
- Health education and counseling to parents



Diagnosis and Treatment

- When screenings/visits uncover health concerns, EPSDT requires coverage of services needed to diagnose and treat the concerns
- Medically necessary services must be covered as long as they fall in the federal categories of Medicaid services, and regardless of whether they are in the individual State's Medicaid Plan

Serving Children through the Health Care System in the District of Columbia

DC MEDICAID DELIVERY SYSTEM	
<p>Managed Care Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amerigroup DC• AmeriHealth Caritas DC• HSCSN• Trusted Health Plan <p>90% of Medicaid Children</p>	<p>Fee-for-service Program (“Straight Medicaid”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children with disabilities not residing in an institution• Children residing in long term care facilities• DYRS-linked children (juvenile justice system)• Children under custody of CFSA (foster care/ adopted) <p>10% of Medicaid Children</p>
<p>Provider types serving children in DC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FQHCs (e.g. Unity, Mary’s Center, Community of Hope)• Facility-based (e.g. Children’s National, Howard University)• Provider practice groups (e.g. Adventure Dental, Dental Dreams, etc.)	

Ensuring Children are going to the Doctor & Dentist

- To improve children's health outcomes, it's DHCF's goal to implement EPSDT and ensure every child and adolescent is receiving as-needed preventive services, including well-child visits, lead testing & dental services.
- DHCF partners with DC's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) to share data on CFSA children in need of medical or dental services



DHCF & the MCOs want children go to their primary care and primary dental providers regularly based on national clinical guidelines.

Medicaid Data Sharing with Other Child-Serving Agencies

- DCPS & DOH: School Health MOAs (school enrollment, Medicaid claims, school forms)
- CFSA/DYRS: MOAs for FFS monitoring of WCV & dental claims (and MCO bumps)
- DOEE: matching of lead data
- OSSE: Early Intervention MOAs