

## State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

State/Territory: Louisiana

## TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Infants and Toddlers With Special NeedsTarget Group (42 Code of Federal Regulations 441.18(8)(i) and 441.18(9)):

*[Describe target group and any subgroups. If any of the following differs among the subgroups, submit a separate State plan amendment describing case management services furnished; qualifications of case management providers; or methodology under which case management providers will be paid.]*

The targeted population consists of infants and toddlers from birth through age two years, inclusive (0 – ~~36~~35 months) who have one of the following:

1. A documented established medical condition determined by a licensed medical doctor, or that is associated with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay according to the definition contained in part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Sec.635 (a) (1) [20 USSC 1435 (a) (1)] and as further defined in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 303, Section 21 (infant or toddler with a disability). In the case of a hearing impairment, licensed audiologist or licensed medical doctor must make the determination. This includes an established medical condition; or
2. Developmental delay in one or more of the following areas:
  - Cognitive development;
  - Physical development, including vision and hearing. Eligibility must be based on a documented diagnosis made by a licensed medical doctor (vision) or a licensed medical doctor or licensed audiologist (hearing);
  - Communication development;
  - Social or emotional development;
  - Adaptive development; or

The case management services shall be included on the beneficiary's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

\_\_\_\_ Target group includes individuals transitioning to a community setting. Case-management services will be made available for up to \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert a number; not to exceed 180]* consecutive days of a covered stay in a medical institution. The target group does not include individuals between ages 22 and 64 who are served in Institutions for Mental Disease or individuals who are inmates of public institutions). (State Medicaid Directors Letter (SMDL), July 25, 2000)

Areas of State in which services will be provided (§1915(g)(1) of the Act):

XX Entire State

\_\_\_\_ Only in the following geographic areas: *[Specify areas]*

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Comparability of services (§§1902(a)(10)(B) and 1915(g)(1))

     Services are provided in accordance with §1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act.

**XX** Services are not comparable in amount duration and scope (§1915(g)(1)).

Definition of services (42 CFR 440.169): Targeted case management services are defined as services furnished to assist individuals, eligible under the State Plan, in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other services. Targeted Case Management includes the following assistance:

- ❖ Comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs, to determine the need for any medical, educational, social or other services. These assessment activities include
  - taking client history;
  - identifying the individual's needs and completing related documentation; and
  - gathering information from other sources such as family members, medical providers, social workers, and educators (if necessary), to form a complete assessment of the eligible individual;

*[Specify and justify the frequency of assessments.]*

**After the initial assessment is completed, reassessments are done on a quarterly basis, at minimum, and as needed when significant changes in circumstances occur.**

- ❖ Development (and periodic revision) of a specific care plan that is based on the information collected through the assessment that
  - specifies the goals and actions to address the medical, social, educational, and other services needed by the individual;
  - includes activities such as ensuring the active participation of the eligible individual, and working with the individual (or the individual's authorized health care decision maker) and others to develop those goals; and
  - identifies a course of action to respond to the assessed needs of the eligible individual;
- ❖ Referral and related activities (such as scheduling appointments for the individual) to help the eligible individual obtain needed services including
  - activities that help link the individual with medical, social, educational providers, or other programs and services that are capable of providing needed services to address identified needs and achieve goals specified in the care plan; and

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- ❖ Monitoring and follow-up activities:
  - activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure the care plan is implemented and adequately addresses the eligible individual's needs, and which may be with the individual, family members, service providers, or other entities or individuals and conducted as frequently as necessary, and including at least one annual monitoring, to determine whether the following conditions are met:
    - services are being furnished in accordance with the individual's care plan;
    - services in the care plan are adequate; and
    - changes in the needs or status of the individual are reflected in the care plan.
 Monitoring and follow-up activities include making necessary adjustments in the care plan and service arrangements with providers. *[Specify the type of monitoring and justify the frequency of monitoring.]*

**A minimum of one face-to-face meeting per quarter with each beneficiary's family is required. More frequent face-to-face meetings shall be required to be performed if indicated in the beneficiary's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).**

\_\_\_ Case management includes contacts with non-eligible individuals that are directly related to identifying the eligible individual's needs and care, for the purposes of helping the eligible individual access services; identifying needs and supports to assist the eligible individual in obtaining services; providing case managers with useful feedback, and alerting case managers to changes in the eligible individual's needs. (42 CFR 440.169(e))

Qualifications of providers (42 CFR 441.18(a)(8)(v) and 42 CFR 441.18(b)):  
*[Specify provider qualifications that are reasonably related to the population being served and the case management services furnished.]*

**Each Medicaid enrolled provider shall ensure that all case management services are provided by qualified individuals who meet the following licensure, education, and experience requirements:**

- 1. Bachelor's or master's degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or**
- 2. Currently licensed registered nurse (RN); or**
- 3. Bachelor's or master's degree in a human services related field, which includes psychology, education, counseling, social services, sociology, philosophy, family and consumer sciences, criminal justice, rehabilitation services, child development, substance abuse, gerontology, and vocational**

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rehabilitation;

- 4.** Bachelor's degree in liberal arts or general studies with concentration of at least 16 hours in one of the fields listed in ~~No.~~number 3 above; or
- 4.5.** A bachelor's or master's degree in a field other than listed above, if approved by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF).

Freedom of choice (42 CFR 441.18(a)(1):

The State assures that the provision of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers in violation of section 1902(a)(23) of the Act.

1. Eligible individuals will have free choice of any qualified Medicaid provider within the specified geographic area identified in this plan.
2. Eligible individuals will have free choice of any qualified Medicaid providers of other medical care under the plan.

Freedom of Choice Exception (§1915(g)(1) and 42 CFR 441.18(b)):

\_\_\_\_\_ Target group consists of eligible individuals with developmental disabilities or with chronic mental illness. Providers are limited to qualified Medicaid providers of case management services capable of ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities or with chronic mental illness receive needed services: *[Identify any limitations to be imposed on the providers and specify how these limitations enable providers to ensure that individuals within the target groups receive needed services.]*

Access to Services (42 CFR 441.18(a)(2), 42 CFR 441.18(a)(3), 42 CFR 441.18(a)(6):

The State assures the following:

- Case management (including targeted case management) services will not be used to restrict an individual's access to other services under the plan.
- Individuals will not be compelled to receive case management services, condition receipt of case management (or targeted case management) services on the receipt of other Medicaid services, or condition receipt of other Medicaid services on receipt of case management (or targeted case management) services; and
- Providers of case management services do not exercise the agency's authority to authorize or deny the provision of other services under the plan.

Payment (42 CFR 441.18(a)(4)):

Payment for case management or targeted case management services under the plan does not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for this same purpose.

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**Case Records (42 CFR 441.18(a)(7)):**

Providers maintain case records that document for all individuals receiving case management as follows: (i) The name of the individual; (ii) The dates of the case management services; (iii) The name of the provider agency (if relevant) and the person providing the case management services received and whether goals specified in the care plan have been achieved; (v) Whether the individual has declined services in the care plan; (vi) The need for, and occurrences of, coordination with other case managers; (vii) A timeline for obtaining needed services; (viii) A timeline for reevaluation of the plan.

**Limitations:**

Case management does not include, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for, services defined in §441.169 when the case management activities are an integral and inseparable component of another covered Medicaid service (State Medicaid Manual (SMM) 4302.F).

Case management does not include, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for, services defined in §441.169 when the case management activities constitute the direct delivery of underlying medical, educational, social, or other services to which an eligible individual has been referred, including for foster care programs, services such as, but not limited to, the following: research gathering and completion of documentation required by the foster care program; assessing adoption placements; recruiting or interviewing potential foster care parents; serving legal papers; home investigations; providing transportation; administering foster care subsidies; making placement arrangements. (42 CFR 441.18(c))

FFP only is available for case management services or targeted case management services if there are no other third parties liable to pay for such services, including as reimbursement under a medical, social, educational, or other program except for case management that is included in an individualized education program or individualized family service plan consistent with §1903(c) of the Act. (§§1902(a)(25) and 1905(c))

***[Specify any additional limitations.]***