EPSDT and Title V Collaboration to Improve Child Health

Case Management in Medicaid and EPSDT

Title V program leaders often create or fund care coordination. While there is no specific "care coordination" category under Medicaid, some Title V care coordination may qualify for reimbursement as case management.

Medicaid describes case management as "an activity under which responsibilities for locating, coordinating and monitoring necessary and appropriate services for a recipient rests with a specific individual or organization." [State Medicaid Manual Part 4, Section 4302; Part 5, Section 5310(D)]

Under this general definition, Medicaid has several types of case management.

- Administrative case management includes activities that help fulfill the mission of the Medicaid program, specifically that help the program operate efficiently and beneficiaries receive needed health care. View Managed Care Purchasing Specifications. For administrative case management, the federal government contributes is at a rate of 50%.
- Case management in the EPSDT process is a type of administrative case management. It generally refers to the outreach, informing, and other administrative roles under EPSDT.
- Targeted case management was created as a type of medical assistance, not an administrative function. View CMS Specifications
- States have the option to design and provide targeted case management for specific categories of beneficiaries, specific geographic areas, or specific sets of services. For example, several states offer targeted case management for pregnant women and other states deliver targeted case management through home visits to young children. Targeted case management is added as a benefit to the state Medicaid plan, and the federal contribution is at the medical assistance rate (i.e., like other medical care services).
- Coordination of case management among multiple programs is a challenge in every state. This letter offers some advice to Medicaid and Child Welfare directors regarding targeted case management.
- The George Washington University purchasing specifications on Medicaid Managed Care for Children in Substitute Care also provide relevant information.