

**FLORIDA TITLE XXI PROGRAM &
TITLE XXI AMENDMENT FACT SHEET**

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Date Amendment #10 Submitted:	August 27, 2003
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Background

- Florida's Title XXI plan was approved on March 6, 1998. This combination plan expanded Medicaid coverage to children ages 15 through 19 in families with incomes from 28 percent to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and expanded the existing Healthy Kids program, which provides coverage for children in families up to 185 percent of the FPL, to additional counties throughout the State.

Amendments

- Florida submitted its first State plan amendment on July 17, 1998, to expand eligibility for Healthy Kids to children in families up to 200 percent of the FPL, and adding the MediKids program and the Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN).
- The State submitted its second amendment on December 2, 1998, to provide premium assistance to cover children through employer-sponsored coverage, which was disapproved. This amendment was disapproved because the minimum employer contribution proposed by the State did not comply with the criteria that was discussed in the Department's February 13, 1998, letter to State officials.
- Florida submitted a third amendment on December 27, 1999, to implement a dental pilot in two counties. The pilot began on October 1, 1999, in Palm Beach and Dade counties and adds a minimum dental benefit to the benefit package for Florida Healthy Kids enrollees in those counties.
- The State submitted its fourth amendment August 14, 2000, to expand Medicaid coverage to children under age 1 with family income from 185 to 200 percent of the FPL and eliminate coverage for this group under MediKids and the title XXI CMS Network. Children under age 1 who were enrolled in these other programs were converted to the Medicaid expansion. The amendment also implemented mandatory assignment in the MediKids program for children whose families do not chose a managed care provider within 10 days of receiving a choice-counseling letter.
- The State submitted its fifth amendment on March 26, 2001, to implement a comprehensive dental program for the Florida Healthy Kids Program for counties contributing at least \$4,000 annually in local match funds, effective February 1, 2001. A staggered implementation of this program to eligible counties began February 1, 2001. The dental Program will be implemented in all eligible counties.
- The State submitted its sixth amendment on September 29, 2002. This amendment was withdrawn October 10, 2002.
- Florida submitted its seventh amendment on July 29, 2002, to implement a school-based health services initiative under the State's 10 percent administrative cap. Services included

in the health services initiative include:

- Providing direct health services and screening, referral and clinical follow-up of suspected problems, including surveillance of high-risk behavioral health patterns, immunization status, diseases, and home and school safety practices.
 - Medical supervision and coordination for pregnant and parenting students, home visits, help for students and families to find willing and affordable providers, transportation assistance for health care visits or application for programs such as Florida KidCare.
 - Providing health education within the school to reduce high-risk behaviors and to promote healthy life styles such as healthy nutrition and increased physical activity.
 - Identifying health and safety concerns in the school environment.
 - Administering medications.
- Florida submitted its eighth amendment on July 2, 2002, to update its State plan to indicate compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
 - On August 15, 2003, Florida submitted its ninth amendment to increase monthly family premiums from \$15 to \$20 for families with income from 151 to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), increase copayments, and establish a \$750 annual dental cap for children enrolled in the Healthy Kids component of KidCare. The amendment also revises Florida's previously approved waiting list. Children enrolled in the Medicaid program and the title XXI Medicaid expansion program who become eligible for coverage under one the State's separate child health programs (e.g., have aged out of Medicaid or the Medicaid expansion programs or whose incomes have increased) will be subject to the waiting list in the same manner as all other children applying for SCHIP. Previously, these children were allowed to transfer automatically between program components. Finally, families disenrolled for not paying premiums will have to wait for 6 months before reenrolling.
 - Florida submitted its tenth amendment on August 27, 2003. The tenth amendment revises the State's benefit package and allows the State to extend the Partners in Care (PIC) program to a limited number of enrollees with life-threatening conditions who are at risk of death prior to the age of 21 in eight pilot regions. Florida's proposed PIC benefit package includes case management, pain and symptom control, respite, counseling, expressive therapies, in-home nursing and personal care. The proposed benefit package is identical to the benefit package described in Florida's Medicaid section 1115 waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to implement PIC for title XIX enrollees.

Overview of Florida KidCare

Florida KidCare has four components:

- Medicaid expansion. Florida's Medicaid expansion covers infants under age 1 with family income from 185 to 200 percent of the FPL, and children who were born after September 30, 1983 from 28 to 100 percent of the FPL.

- Healthy Kids (a separate child health program). KidCare extended the existing Florida Healthy Kids program to all counties throughout the State, with modifications designed to meet the requirements of the Title XXI legislation. Healthy Kids is a school-based health insurance program that covers children ages 5 through 18 with family income above the Medicaid income threshold (133 percent of the FPL for children age 5 and 100 percent of the FPL for children age 6 and older). There are no income limitations for participation, but Title XXI subsidizes premiums only for children at or below 200 percent of the FPL.
- MediKids (a separate child health program). This program covers children ages 1 through 4 with family income from 133 to 200 percent of the FPL. MediKids was created to provide coverage to the nonschool-aged children that the Healthy Kids program does not cover. MediKids is a Medicaid look-alike program and provides the Medicaid benefit package. It has periodic open enrollment periods.
- Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN). CMSN covers children ages 0 through 18 with special health care needs in families with income below 200 percent of the FPL. CMS allows children to have specialists as their primary care doctor without special authorization. CMSN also covers children enrolled in Medicaid.
 - A limited number of CMSN enrollees with life-threatening conditions will be enrolled in the PIC program in eight pilot regions upon certification by a primary care physician that the child's condition could result in death prior to the age of 21 years and that the child and the child's family or caregiver could benefit from PIC support services.

Children Covered Under the Program

- The State reported that 443,177 children were ever enrolled in SCHIP in FFY 2003.

Administration

- The Agency for Health Care Administration is Florida's designated single State agency for the Medicaid program.
- The Healthy Kids, MediKids and CMSN programs are administered by the legislatively created Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, a not-for-profit organization that operates subject to the supervision and approval of a board of directors, is chaired by the Insurance Commissioner or his designee, and is composed of 12 other members.

Health Care Delivery System

- Florida Healthy Kids services are delivered through State-licensed managed health plans that meet the requirements of the Department of Insurance and the Agency for Health Care Administration. These health plans are responsible for developing service delivery networks, claims processing, and payment and risk assumption.
- A child that is eligible for MediKids has a choice between a Medicaid-participating HMO

and MediPass, Florida's primary care case management program.

- The CMSN providers are the same providers as those who serve Medicaid children under the MediPass option for children with special health care needs. CMSN contracts with providers to offer a full range of services for these children. Families are offered a choice of primary care providers in the network.
- Enrollees are given a choice of three dental insurers. Enrollees not choosing an insurer are auto-assigned.

Benefit Package

- The Healthy Kids benefit package is the existing program benefit package that was cited in the Title XXI legislation as an acceptable child health coverage program. This benefit package includes a full range of inpatient and outpatient services. Limitations are placed on psychiatric, rehabilitation and physical therapy inpatient admissions; alcohol and drug services; chiropractic services; podiatry services; outpatient rehabilitation services; and durable medical equipment and remedial devices. Comprehensive dental services are provided in most counties.

Cost Sharing

- Premiums range from \$15 to a \$20 maximum per household.
- Copayments are required of children in Healthy Kids only. Copayments of \$5 are charged for prescription drugs, physician visits, outpatient behavioral health, hospice and home health visits, and physical, occupational and speech therapy sessions. Enrollees also pay copayments of \$10 for inappropriate emergency room visits, emergency transportation, and prescription eyeglasses.
- The plan states that cost and utilization rates will be monitored on a quarterly basis to ensure that costs associated with utilizing health care services do not exceed the 5 percent maximum. It is the responsibility of the family to detail their expenditures and to request exemption from cost-sharing responsibilities and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses that exceed the allowable limit. Should the family spend in excess of 5 percent of their annual income they will receive a letter from the State telling them that they are no longer responsible for cost sharing.

Coordination between Healthy Kids and Medicaid

- An automated matching system verifies that no applicant is enrolled currently in the Medicaid program prior to enrollment in a non-Medicaid component of the Florida KidCare program.
- The Healthy Kids Corporation also screens all KidCare applications for Medicaid eligibility. Children who appear eligible are processed for Medicaid eligibility by Department of

Children and Families eligibility specialists.

State Action to Avoid Crowd Out

- The KidCare Program requires that children are uninsured at the time of application. The State conducts studies of the Healthy Kid's program's impact on crowd out.

Outreach Activities

- Florida KidCare conducts outreach to potential KidCare enrollees using a toll-free hotline and a website (www.FloridaKidCare.org). KidCare outreach involves the participation of providers and community members, including schools, county health departments and community health centers, Healthy Start Coalitions and child care providers.
- As of July 1, 2003, staffing for the KidCare Coordinating Council transitioned from The Chile's Center, a child-serving organization affiliated with the University of South Florida, to the Department of Health. Funding for the Florida KidCare toll-free hotline number was transitioned to the Agency for Health Care Administration.

Financial Information

Total FFY '04 SCHIP Allotment -- \$193,614,837

FFY '04 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 71.25%

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