



Memorandum of Understanding¹

Among

The Pennsylvania Department of Health

And

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

Purpose: To ensure the women, infants, children with and without special health care needs, and their families served by the Title V and Title XIX Medicaid programs receive the care and services they need to improve their health and well-being.

Objective:

To document the coordination and collaboration between the Title V and Title XIX Medicaid programs to effectively leverage federal and state resources to help ensure the maternal and child health population of Pennsylvania is provided with needed direct and enabling services as well as efficient public health systems and services.

Definition of roles:

The role of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant is to improve the health and well-being of the nation's mothers, infants, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs and their families through the provision of safety-net and gap-filling services to address unmet needs in health care and public health systems.

The Title V and Title XIX Medicaid programs shall:

1. Coordinate on newborn screening billing and cost sharing to ensure Medicaid continues to pay for newborn screening for Medicaid clients.
2. Coordinate on access to care issues experienced by the MCH population.
3. Coordinate and collaborate on current and future policy affecting the MCH population. This shall include discussing common issues affecting the MCH population and available

¹ This is a conceptual draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) currently being developed between the Title V and Medicaid programs. The MOU is being aligned with the following National Academy for State Health Policy articles: "Strengthening the Title V-Medicaid Partnership: Strategies to Support the Development of Robust Interagency Agreements between Title V and Medicaid" and "How State Medicaid and Title V Partnerships Improve Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs in Medicaid Managed Care."

resources to address these issues; informing each other of current and emerging evidence-based or informed practices to address public health problems facing the MCH population; participation in needs and capacity assessment activities and informing each other of policy and program decisions affecting the MCH population particularly with respect to changes and reforms in health care payment and delivery.

4. Ensure project-specific collaboration and data-sharing.
5. Coordinate and collaborate on issues and services specific to children with special health care needs. The programs will hold bi-monthly meetings between Bureau of Family Health and Office of Medical Assistance Program staff to share information and increase awareness around programming and services for children with special health care needs and their families to identify program gaps and strengths and challenges within the system of care.
6. Coordinate on the provision of services for children with special health care needs and their families to ensure there is no duplication of payment for services.
7. Collaborate on the identification and transfer of data elements required for investigating public health problems, conducting surveillance, and the reporting and monitoring of programs particularly with respect to programs and services specific to children with special health care needs.
8. As the Bureau of Family Health is the administrator of the Title V program in Pennsylvania, the Director of the Bureau of Family Health will serve as the point of contact for collaboration between the Title V and Medicaid programs. This shall include the periodic review of this Memorandum.