

Interagency Agreement (IAA) Between Title V Agency and Medicaid (Title XIX)
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition and MassHealth

In order to promote the health of children and families throughout the Commonwealth without duplication of efforts and in a cost-efficient manner, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition (BFHN), as the state Maternal and Child Health (Title V) agency and MassHealth, as the state Medicaid (Title XIX) agency, and in accordance with the mutual requirements for IAAs under Sections 505(a)(5)(F)(ii) and 1902(a)(11)(B) of the Social Security Act, hereby agree:

- to seek collaboration and coordination of activities, as feasible, between MassHealth (Medicaid) and the BFHN in its utilization of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant (along with other areas of cooperation and coordination) which affect MCH populations and providers, including managed care, federal waivers, and coordination with related state initiatives, as appropriate.
- to cooperate in review and implementation of fiscal policies that affect MCH populations and providers, including, for example, payor of last resort and third party reimbursement protocols, and provider certification.
- to meet on a regular basis to share information, discuss and resolve current issues, and promote coordinated long-range planning.
- to continue to jointly support and carry out other interagency efforts such as Early Intervention programs and care coordination for children and youth with special health needs (CYSHN); and to assure ongoing review of these efforts and any future interagency arrangements that promote improved MCH outcomes.
- to monitor state health care delivery and payment reforms for potential new and emerging opportunities for Title V and MassHealth collaboration.
- to engage in data sharing, as appropriate, to expand analytic capacity and achieve shared goals, as modeled by the maternal mortality and morbidity review process.

Specifically related to Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), we agree:

- to assure substantive MCH involvement in the establishment, periodic updating, and implementation of EPSDT periodicity schedules, content standards, operational guidelines, provider and community training, and related matters, in order to assure non-duplication of effort and maintenance of high quality MCH services for MassHealth clients.

The Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition agrees:

- to bring to the attention of MassHealth known issues or problems affecting MCH clients, programs, revenue, or policies related to MassHealth for discussion, resolution, or joint action between our agencies and other state agencies or offices, as appropriate.
- to bring to the attention of MassHealth known issues or problems affecting MCH clients, programs, revenue, or policies related to MassHealth for discussion, resolution, or joint action between or among federal agencies, as appropriate.
- to undertake (both directly and through its contracted providers and contractors) efforts to identify pregnant women, infants, children and youth, and children and youth with special health needs eligible for MassHealth and to assist them in applying for MassHealth coverage. This is done through resource specialists, regional care coordinators, and the toll-free statewide Community Support Line, among other mechanisms.
- to educate communities and families on changes in the health care system and communicate potential impacts of those changes back to MassHealth and other state partners.
- to share Title V expertise in data collection and measurement to support MassHealth in the use or development of measures and in the design, implementation and evaluation of various state programs, as appropriate.
- to provide technical assistance to MassHealth providers on issues impacting the MCH population, including the needs of CYSHN and their families, the medical home, transition to adult health care, family engagement, and racial equity, as needed.
- to participate on interagency groups, initiatives, and advisory committees that further the needs and goals of MassHealth and Title V.

MassHealth agrees:

- to bring to the attention of BFHN known issues or problems affecting its clients, programs, revenue, or policies for discussion, resolution, or joint action between our agencies and other state agencies or offices, as appropriate.
- to bring to the attention of BFHN issues or problems affecting its clients, programs, revenue, or policies for discussion, resolution, or joint action between or among federal agencies, as appropriate.
- to share information about changes in MassHealth eligibility and coverage.
- to participate on interagency groups, initiatives, and advisory committees that further the needs and goals of MassHealth and Title V, including the Title V Advisory Committee.

- to continue to reimburse agreed-upon MCH services administered by MDPH, including but not limited to Early Intervention, postpartum depression screening, and oral health screening.

This agreement reflects a written summary of relationships already existing between our agencies at the time it is signed. It does not necessarily reflect all of the specific areas of cooperation, information sharing, or program development occurring between the agencies and their staff and programs. This agreement will remain in effect until changes are requested by either party.

Signed:

FOR BFHN:



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