

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: Georgia

AT-RISK OF INCARCERATION CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- A. Target Group: All Medicaid eligible emotionally disturbed or substance abusing beneficiaries under twenty-one years of age at-risk of incarceration who have been referred to a Foster Home or a non-residential intensive supervision program as an alternative to a secure confinement facility.
- B. Areas of State in which services will be provided:
- Entire State.
- Restricted Geographical Area
- C. Comparability of Services:
- Are provided in accordance with Section 1902*(a)(10)(B) of the Act.
- Services are not comparable in amount, duration, and scope. Authority of Section 1915(g)(1) of the Act is invoked to provide services without regard to the requirements of Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act.
- D. Definition of Services:
- Case Management is a set of interrelated activities for identifying, coordinating, and reviewing the delivery of appropriate services for EPSDT eligible emotionally disturbed or substance abusing Medicaid beneficiaries at-risk of incarceration. The purpose of case management services is to assist individuals in the target group in gaining access to needed medical, nutritional, social, educational, transportation, housing and other services; and to encourage the use of various community resources through referral to appropriate providers.

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Case Management is performed through a set of interrelated activities which include the following:

1. Establishing the comprehensive case file for development and implementation of an individualized service plan to meet the assessed service needs of the child.
2. Assisting the child in locating needed service providers and making the necessary linkages to assure the receipt of services identified in the service plan.
3. Monitoring the child and service provider to determine that the services received are adequate in meeting the child's needs.
4. Reassessment of the child to determine services needed to resolve any crisis situation resulting from divorce, death, separation, changes in family structure or living conditions, or other events.

E. Qualifications of Providers:

All providers, agencies and individual practitioners must:

1. Follow the mandates at 42 CFR 431 Subpart F regarding confidentiality.
2. Demonstrate the capacity to provide all core elements of case management services.

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E. Qualifications of Providers (Continued)

3. Provide accurate documentation of costs and agree to participate in an annual cost study to determine reimbursement rates for service.
4. Document and maintain case records in accordance with state and federal requirements.
5. Maintain such records as are necessary to fully disclose the extent of services provided and to furnish the Department with information as it may periodically request.

All providers, agencies and individual practitioners must ensure that case managers:

6. Demonstrate skills in the process of identifying and assessing a wide range of children's needs, including antisocial behavior patterns, faulty attitude structure, healthy social adjustment, family interrelationships, and the establishment and attainment of life goals;
7. Demonstrate skills in assessing problems and needs of juvenile offenders;
8. Demonstrate skills in enlisting the cooperation of individuals of various backgrounds to develop remedial human service delivery programs for youthful offenders;
9. Are knowledgeable about local community resources and how to use those resources for the benefit of the child;
10. Demonstrate skills in recognizing drugs, symptoms of drug addiction, and the physical effects of drug abuse;
11. Are graduates of a college or university with an undergraduate degree in Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Criminal Justice or a related field, or have four years work experience in the juvenile justice system; and

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E. Qualifications of Providers (Continued)

12. Are knowledgeable about the state's standards and policies related to community services for clients in the custody of the Department of Children and Youth Services.
13. Complete a practicum designed and supervised by the Department of Children and Youth Services. All potential providers may attend the practicum.
14. Maintain regularly scheduled hours of operation and include provisions for recipients to receive services outside normal business hours.
15. Be accessible to and willing to coordinate services within the recipient's residential/community setting as necessary.

F. The state assures that all eligible recipients will have free choice of providers as provided in Section 1902(a)(23) of the Act. The state assures that all qualified providers may participate in this program.

1. Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of case management services.
2. Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of other medical care under the plan.

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

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