

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: Georgia

PERINATAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES/AREA C

A. Target Group:

Medicaid eligible pregnant and post-partum women and their infant(s) in Area C of Savannah will be covered until the child(ren) from that pregnancy reaches age one year.

B. Areas of State in which services will be provided:

Entire State.

Only in the following geographic areas (authority of Section 1915(g)(1) of the Act is invoked to provide services less than statewide):

The street boundaries for Area C are West Victory Drive to Ogeechee to Kollock to West 34th to West Anderson to May to West Gwinnett to West Boundary to West Jones to Purse to West Charlton to West Harris to East Harris to Price to Liberty to Wheaton to Waters back to West Victory and across East Victory.

C. Comparability of services:

Services are provided in accordance with Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act.

Services are not comparable to 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:

Perinatal Case Management Services/Area C is a set of interrelated activities for identifying, coordinating, and reviewing the delivery of appropriate services for eligible recipients. The purpose of case management services is to assist those targeted 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. Case management services will provide necessary coordination with providers of health, family support, employment, justice, housing, counseling, nutrition, social, educational, transportation, and other services when needed.

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The set of interrelated activities are as follows:

1. Establishing the comprehensive case file for development and implementation of an individualized service plan to meet the assessed service needs of the recipient. Establishing priorities for initial linkages with providers. This unit of service may be billed only once for each eligible recipient.
2. Assistance to the eligible mother or infant in locating needed service providers and making the necessary linkages to assure the receipt of services identified in the service plan.
3. Monitoring and follow-up with eligible recipient and service providers to determine that the services received are adequate in meeting the recipient's assessed needs. Case management follow-up services are limited to 12 visits annually.
4. Reassessment of eligible recipient to determine the services needed to resolve any crisis situation resulting from divorce, death, separation, family structure changes, changes in living conditions, or other events.

E. Qualification of providers:

1. Provider Qualifications

Enrollment will be accomplished in accordance with Section 1902(a)(23) of the Act. Enrollment is open to all providers who can meet the following requirements:

- a. Must provide the full range of case management services.
- b. Must meet the applicable state and federal laws governing the participation of providers in the Medicaid program.
- c. Must have documented direct experience in the coordination of support services (e.g., EPSDT, social services, counseling services, educational services, student assistance).
- d. Must have demonstrated the ability to obtain collaboration between public and private service providers.
- e. In order to avoid duplication of services and to promote effective community level networking, case management providers must have a signed collaborative agreement with the Youth Futures Authority, Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services, Chatham County Department of Health and the Tideland Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Program.

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- f. Case Management Supervisors must hold a Master's Degree in a human services field, i.e., psychology, sociology, social work, humanities, counseling, nursing or be a Registered Nurse and have one year of supervisory experience working with low income families, pregnant women and children.
 - g. Case Managers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have one year of experience working with low income families, pregnant women and children.
 - h. The case management supervisor(s) and case managers must complete a pre-service training program and a Youth Futures Authority designed and supervised practicum experience.
- F. The state assures that the provision of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers of case management services.
- 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 purpose. Reimbursement Methodology is reported on Attachment 4.19-B, pages 51 and 5m.

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