

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE/TERRITORY: Georgia
CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

A. Target Group:

All Medicaid eligible children from birth through age seventeen who have been placed in Foster Care or are receiving Child Protective Services who are:

- 1) In out-of-home placement or at imminent risk of out-of-home placement due to their families being unable to provide the minimum sufficient level of care, or whose families/environments create a serious threat to safety and welfare; or
- 2) Experiencing maltreatment or at imminent risk of maltreatment due to their parent(s) or caretaker(s) willfully or otherwise failing to meet the child's basic need for emotional and/or physical care and protection. This may include neglect, physical abuse, emotional neglect, medical neglect, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and exploitation; or
- 3) Determined through initial Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) assessment to have demonstrated need for preventive/supportive services and but for the provision of these case management services would be at risk of maltreatment or placement in a more costly or restrictive living arrangement.

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

Entire State

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

C. Comparability of Services:

Services are not comparable in amount, duration, and scope. Authority of §1915(g)(2) of the Act is invoked to provide services without regard to the requirements of §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 eligible recipients. The purpose of case management services is to assist the targeted population 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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Child Protective Services Case Management is performed through a set of interrelated activities which include the following:

1. Establishing the comprehensive case file including 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; or
4. Reassessment of the child to determine services needed to resolve any crisis situation resulting from neglect, maltreatment, exploitation, divorce, death, separation, changes in family structure or living conditions, or other events.

E. Qualifications of Providers:

Child Protective Services Case Management providers must:

1. Demonstrate the capacity to provide all core elements of case management.
2. Provide accurate documentation of costs and agree to participate in an annual cost study to determine reimbursement rates for services;
3. Develop a billing system to appropriately identify and bill all liable third parties;
4. Document and maintain case records in accordance with state and federal requirements;
5. Complete a practicum designed and supervised by the Department of Family and Children Services.

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E. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROVIDERS (Continued)

6. 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 service records, which must be maintained for three (3) years after the delivery of service, must meet requirements in Section 4302 of the State Medicaid manual.
7. Be skilled in the process of coordinating services for a wide range of children's needs;
8. Be knowledgeable about local community resources and how to use those resources for the benefit of the child;
9. Be graduates of a college or university with an undergraduate degree in Psychology, Sociology, Social Work or a related field, or have one year of experience providing counseling, guidance services, referral services, or public assistance;
10. Be knowledgeable about the state's standards and policies related to community services for recipients who are children in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services.

- F. The State assures that the provision of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers in violation of §1902(a)(23) of the Act.
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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