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## PROCEDURE

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| <b>Series:</b>           | <b>Operating Procedures</b>                | <b>COA: CR.1</b><br><b>CFOP: N/A</b> |
| <b>Procedure Name:</b>   | Transition Planning                        |                                      |
| <b>Procedure Number:</b> | OP1180                                     |                                      |
| <b>Reviewed Date:</b>    | 05/03/16, 03/27/19                         |                                      |
| <b>Revision Date:</b>    | 12/19/14, 04/06/17                         |                                      |
| <b>Effective Date:</b>   | 07/11/14                                   |                                      |
| <b>Applicable to:</b>    | All BFP FOA Staff and Contracted Providers |                                      |

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PURPOSE: The purpose is to establish the method used by Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) to submit transition plans, and subsequent and updates to Sunshine Health for enrollees who are within 180 days of their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in accordance with the Child Welfare Vendor Agreement between CBCIH and Sunshine Health.

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References:

Florida Statutes 39.012; 39.0121; 39.6251; 39.701; 39.013; 39.621; 39.6012; 39.6035; 39.4091; 409.1451; 409.175  
FAC 65C-28.009; 65C-41; 65E-9  
Florida Medicaid Community Behavioral Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook  
CBCIH Procedure 104

***Application***

This procedure applies to Brevard Family Partnership (BFP FOA) and Community Based Care Integrated Health (CBCIH) and addresses care coordination activities that are provided on behalf of all CWSP plan enrollees.

***Key Terms***

CBCIH Regional Coordinator—individuals employed by CBCIH who provide consultation and technical support, related to the Child Welfare Specialty Plan, to Community Based Care Lead Agencies.

Community Based Care Lead Agency—an “eligible lead community-based provider” as defined in Section 409.1671(1) (e), F.S.

Medicaid—a program authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act. It is a state-administered health insurance program that is jointly funded by the Federal and State governments. Medicaid is an open-ended entitlement program, with states receiving federal reimbursement for every eligible claim they submit. Medicaid, as defined in Rule 59G-1.010, F.A.C., includes eligibility based on income for most groups using Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI).

## **Standards**

Transition Plans are developed and coordinated for enrollees who are within 180 days of their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by BFP subcontracted agencies. Independent Living services promote increased capacity for independent living, to include behavioral programming, structured interventions and contingency plans necessary to support the development of adaptive, pro-social interpersonal behavior. These plans are developed in accordance with child welfare requirements and are submitted to Sunshine Health via CBCIH in accordance with the Vendor Agreement.

1. BFP and/or our subcontractors:
  - Maintain a written record for youth receiving Independent Living services;
  - Conduct Youth Transition meetings or staffings;
  - Assist in the development of age-appropriate activities and responsibilities offered to the youth;
  - Obtain or provide life Skills Services for the youth, which may include banking and budgeting skills, parenting skills, educational support, interviewing skills, employment training and counseling;
  - Develop a Transition Plan with youth who are seventeen to develop a plan to achieve self-sufficiency and develop a personal support system; and
  - Provide assistance to youth who wish to participate in the Extended Foster Care Program.
2. Additionally, BFP shall ensure, through direct or subcontracted services, that there is a documented process for transition and discharge planning. Transition and Discharge Planning criteria includes the consideration of factors including, but not limited to:
  - The youth's desire to participate in the Extension of Foster Care (as outlined in 65C-41) and the acknowledgement of the requirements;
  - The youth's acknowledgement of how to re-enter foster care up until age 22;
  - The youth's age (Transition Plans are completed for youth who are 17 years of age);
  - The results of the youth's Life Skill Assessment and Independent Living Assessment (if the youth is 17);
  - The youth's personal support system;
  - Medication management;
  - Options for living arrangements (e.g., housing plan); and
  - Required documents, including birth record, Social Security card, educational records, etc.
3. Transition Plans that have been developed upon the youth's seventeenth (17th) birthday will be submitted to CBCIH by the BFP Behavioral Health Coordinator or designee upon development and/or upon request by CBCIH.
4. CBCIH provides a monthly report, indicating enrollees who have turned seventeen (17) within the past thirty (30) days, to BFP as a request for submission of Transition Plans.
5. CBCIH is responsible for electronically submitting the requested Transition Plans to Sunshine Health in accordance with reporting requirements, detailed within the Vendor Agreement.
6. BFP will provide relevant updates related to the plan to CBCIH. These updates will be communicated to Sunshine Health as necessary.

**Associated Forms & Attachments** None



BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

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APPROVAL DATE: 3/20/2020

## Medicaid Plan Map for Young Adults Formerly in Out-of-Home Care

| IF YOU                                                                                                                         | AND YOU ARE                | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 23 | 24 | 25 |  |
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| Aged Out of Florida's Licensed or Non-Licensed Foster Care at Age 18 or Older                                                  | Not receiving any services | <p style="text-align: center;">General Medicaid Coverage through the Affordable Care Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young adult completes the Medicaid application online.</li> <li>Young adult chooses managed care plan after case is authorized.</li> </ul> <p>Note: If the young adult aged out at age 18, Medicaid is extended to age 21. So, the Affordable Care Act coverage would begin at age 21 (the age-out Medicaid extension ends at 21), when the young adult completes the Medicaid application online.</p> |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |
|                                                                                                                                | Eligible for Aftercare     | <p style="text-align: center;">General Medicaid Coverage through the Affordable Care Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young adult completes the Medicaid application online.</li> <li>Young adult chooses managed care plan after case is authorized.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |
|                                                                                                                                | Eligible for EFC           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon the young adult turning 18 years old, CBC sends Notice (via FSFN) to ACCESS Child in Care staff, who will complete the Medicaid process to extend coverage to age 21.</li> <li>The Young Adult chooses managed care plan after case is authorized.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |    |    | <p style="text-align: center;">General Medicaid Coverage through the Affordable Care Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young adult completes the Medicaid application online.</li> <li>Young adult chooses managed care plan after case is authorized.</li> </ul> |    |    |    |  |
|                                                                                                                                | Eligible for PESS          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |
|                                                                                                                                | Eligible for RTI           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |
| Were adopted from Foster Care or Closed to Protective Supervision in Guardianship at age 16 or 17 with 6 Months in Foster Care | Not receiving any services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child in Care staff will complete the Medicaid determination process to extend coverage to age 21, according to information received from the CBC.</li> <li>The Young Adult chooses managed care plan after case is authorized.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |    |    |    | <p style="text-align: center;">The young adult may access coverage under adoptive parents' or guardians' health insurance.</p>                                                                                                                                                 |    |    |    |  |
| Eligible for PESS                                                                                                              |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |
| Eligible for RTI                                                                                                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |
| Receive SSI                                                                                                                    |                            | SSI Medicaid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |    |    |  |

**Foster care or Out-of-Home Care** means 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or legal guardians and for whom the Title IV-E agency has placement and care responsibility. This includes but is not limited to placements in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, relatives, non-relatives, child care institutions, and pre-adoptive homes.

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The Nancy C. Detert Common Sense and Compassion Independent Living Act went into effect January 1, 2014. This law provides current and former foster youth a variety of independent living programs and services to assist them in transitioning into adulthood at a pace that is most appropriate for their individual circumstances. These are:

1. **Extended Foster Care (EFC)** allows young adults living in a licensed placement on their 18th birthday to remain in foster care until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, or 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, if they have a documented disability. Participants receive case management services, judicial oversight of their progress toward independence, room and board, as well as other services they need to succeed as independent adults. Participants develop a transition plan with the assistance of others to help guide them to success.
2. **Postsecondary Education Services and Support (PESS)** also is available to young adults, whether they decide to enroll in extended foster care or not. A monthly rate of \$1,256 is available to eligible students enrolled in post-secondary educational institutions to assist them with living expenses while they complete their higher education goals. This program ends on the young adult's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
3. **Aftercare services (Aftercare)** - Young adults who are not enrolled in Extended Foster Care or PESS may receive Aftercare services or funding. These services are designed to provide a safety net for Young Adults who find themselves in need of a helping hand.
4. **Road To Independence (RTI)** – Youth and young adults in existing Independent Living programs (Road to Independence, Subsidized Independent Living) as of Dec. 31, 2013, may remain in one of those grandfathered independent living programs. That young adult, if residing in licensed care upon turning 18, is eligible for EFC or PESS if within the age limitations and meeting the other requirements. Any youth who wishes to enter EFC (or PESS, if enrolled in a qualifying post-secondary program) forfeits the status of being grandfathered. The grandfathered Road to Independence program ends on the young adult's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.