



DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES
Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities



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Dear Foster Parent,

The Medicaid program change we informed you about last month has been implemented.

In our first letter, we informed you that all physicians or other providers who prescribe medications, order tests, or refer to additional providers must be enrolled in the Connecticut Medicaid system (CMAP). If these providers do not enroll, Medicaid will not fully pay for prescriptions or services provided.

At this time, we are writing to inform you that the Department of Social Services (DSS) will now pay for a 30 day supply of medication instead of the 14 day supply indicated in our first letter. DSS made this change to better meet the immediate medical needs of Medicaid clients and allow providers more time to enroll in the Medicaid program.

Clients will receive the same initial 14 day supply of their medication and will need to return to the pharmacy to get: a) the remaining 16 day supply of medication if the prescription was written for a 30 day supply or b) an additional 30 day supply of medication if the prescription was written for a 60 or 90 day supply.

What will happen if you have a problem with your medication? (see new step added in yellow)

- **If you experience any difficulty getting prescriptions, you will be given a 14-day supply of the medication.** This will give your doctor or nurse prescriber the opportunity to enroll in the Medicaid program.
- **Immediately after getting your 14 day supply, contact your DCF Social Worker so they can help you get additional prescriptions. Give your Social Worker the information below:**
 - * Cost of the medication (from the pharmacist)
 - * Name of the medication and pharmacy
 - * Pharmacy name/phone #
 - * Prescribing doctor's name
- **At the end of the 14 days, go back to the pharmacy to receive up to a 30 day supply of medication. If you encounter any other problems, contact your DCF Social Worker.**

DCF Social Workers and Health Advocates will work together to help resolve any problems you have getting the services your DCF child needs. DCF is prepared to cover the costs of medications and other prescribed services if necessary and we will work with your doctor around Medicaid enrollment or help you find another doctor.

As always, thank you for everything that you do on behalf of Connecticut's children.

Sincerely,

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