Medicaid Fee For Services (MFFS) Vs. Medicaid Managed Care Plan (MMCP) Enrollment

• Some individuals covered by Medicaid may not be required to enroll in managed care plans; Medicaid FFS billing occurs until such time the individual is enrolled in a plan.

• Some individuals are new to Medicaid or are in the process of having Medicaid eligibility re-established. Such individuals may not yet be enrolled in a plan, and Medicaid FFS billing occurs until the individual is enrolled in a plan. In such instances:
  • Medicaid (MA) eligibility is established first.
  • Once Medicaid eligibility has been established, most Medicaid eligible individuals will be required to select / enroll in a MMCP unless the individual is exempt or excluded from Mandatory enrollment (e.g., Medicaid/Medicare dually eligible individuals).
  • Services delivered to Medicaid (MA) eligible individuals (who are required to enroll in a MMCP plan) are covered by FFS Medicaid until the MMCP plan enrollment is effectuated.
  • Individuals may select a plan upon initial eligibility determination or select a plan within 30 days of receipt of notice of mandatory enrollment. Individuals who do not select a plan will be auto assigned to a plan.
  • For individuals determined eligible for Medicaid and required to enroll in a MMCP, until MMCP enrollment is established providers will bill Medicaid FFS.
  • Once Enrolled in a MMCP, providers may not bill Medicaid FFS for plan covered services and MUST bill the MMCP.
  • Providers utilize either the state Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS) or ePaces to determine if someone is Medicaid FFS; or enrolled in a MMCP
  • Plan enrollment may change on a month to month basis. Providers are strongly advised to routinely review ePaces/MEVS to affirm if individual is still Medicaid FFS; enrolled in a MMCP; or has changed to a different MMCP.
USING MEVS or EPACES to Determine if a Medicaid eligible individual is Medicaid FFS; or Enrolled in a MMCP

- For further information regarding ePaces and MEVS; or to request on site provider training regarding how to use MEVS or EPACES, including how to read the eligibility and plan enrollment messages please see:

  - The MEVS manual
    https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/AllProviders/supplemental.aspx

  - Following is the link to how to read ePaces screens.
    https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES-Eligibility_Response.pdf&sa=U&ved=0CAUQFjAAahUKEwjWkeCt6uXIAhWDFx4KHR0EAgg&client=internal-uds-cse&usg=AFqCngGG3sCPSK0423os1ID-ul7NU86g

  - Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) will also provide on-site provider training regarding how to: use MEVS; and read EPACES. Please call 1-800-343-900 to request such training.