

**C. CHILDREN IN STATE-SUPERVISED CARE****Who is in State-Supervised care?**

Children and adolescents under the care and custody of any state agency, per court order, including the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) are in State-supervised care. All children in State-supervised care should be enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO).<sup>1</sup> Children newly eligible for Medical Assistance will have fee-for-service coverage until enrolled in a MCO.

**Role of the Screening Provider**

Children in State-supervised care often need special consideration due to a history of family turmoil and inconsistent medical care. Being removed from his/her home and placed in unfamiliar settings is a stressful life event for a child. Often there are also significant health problems that need immediate attention. Therefore, an initial examination must be completed with care by a Maryland Healthy Kids Program (EPSDT) certified provider preferably prior to or within 24 hours of removal, but no later than 5 days of removal.<sup>2</sup>

If time permits, the comprehensive preventive exam should be completed at the initial visit. In either case, initial or comprehensive, the preventive visit must be completed within 60 days and include all the requirements of the Maryland Healthy Kids Program as specified in the *Maryland Schedule of Preventive Health Care*.<sup>3</sup> Use the *Health Passport Form* provided by the local *Departments of Social Services* to document all health care encounters for children in State-supervised care.<sup>4</sup> The Maryland Healthy Kids Program encounter forms and questionnaires can be used and attached to the Passport when a comprehensive preventive exam is rendered. Refer to *Section 6: Billing and Encounter Data Reporting* for information on billing for services to children in State-supervised care.

**Role of DHR and DJS Caseworker**

The enrollee's caseworker from DHR or DJS assists the child in accessing needed medical services through the MCO, the Primary Care Provider (PCP), or any other Medicaid provider as appropriate. The caseworker is responsible for ensuring that the initial examination and any follow-up medical services are scheduled according to mandated time frames. The caseworker works with the child's biological parents, caregivers (i.e., foster family, DJS facility), PCP, and other community resources to

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<sup>1</sup> See Department of Human Resource. (2014). Policy #: SSA-CW#14-17.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

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## Other Child Health-Related Services

gather needed health history information. If the child is not already enrolled in Medicaid, it is the caseworker's responsibility to get the child enrolled.

### **Role of the MCO**

The initial medical examination for children in State-supervised care is a self-referred service. Therefore, if a child is in a MCO, it is the MCO's responsibility to reimburse out-of-network providers for this service within 30 days of rendering service. However, in-network MCO providers other than the child's designated PCP, must obtain MCO authorization before rendering this service. Use the age appropriate CPT Preventive Medicine Service codes for the initial examination (Refer to Section 6).

To assure continuity and coordination of care, contact the *Special Needs Coordinator* at the child's MCO to assist the DHR case manager with accessing services for the child in State-supervised care (Refer to Section 8). The MCO Special Needs Coordinator expedites any change of network providers upon relocation of the child to a new geographic location. Additionally, the liaison ensures the transfer of the child's medical record to the new PCP. Contact the **Healthy Kids Program at 410-767-1903** with questions about State-supervised care.