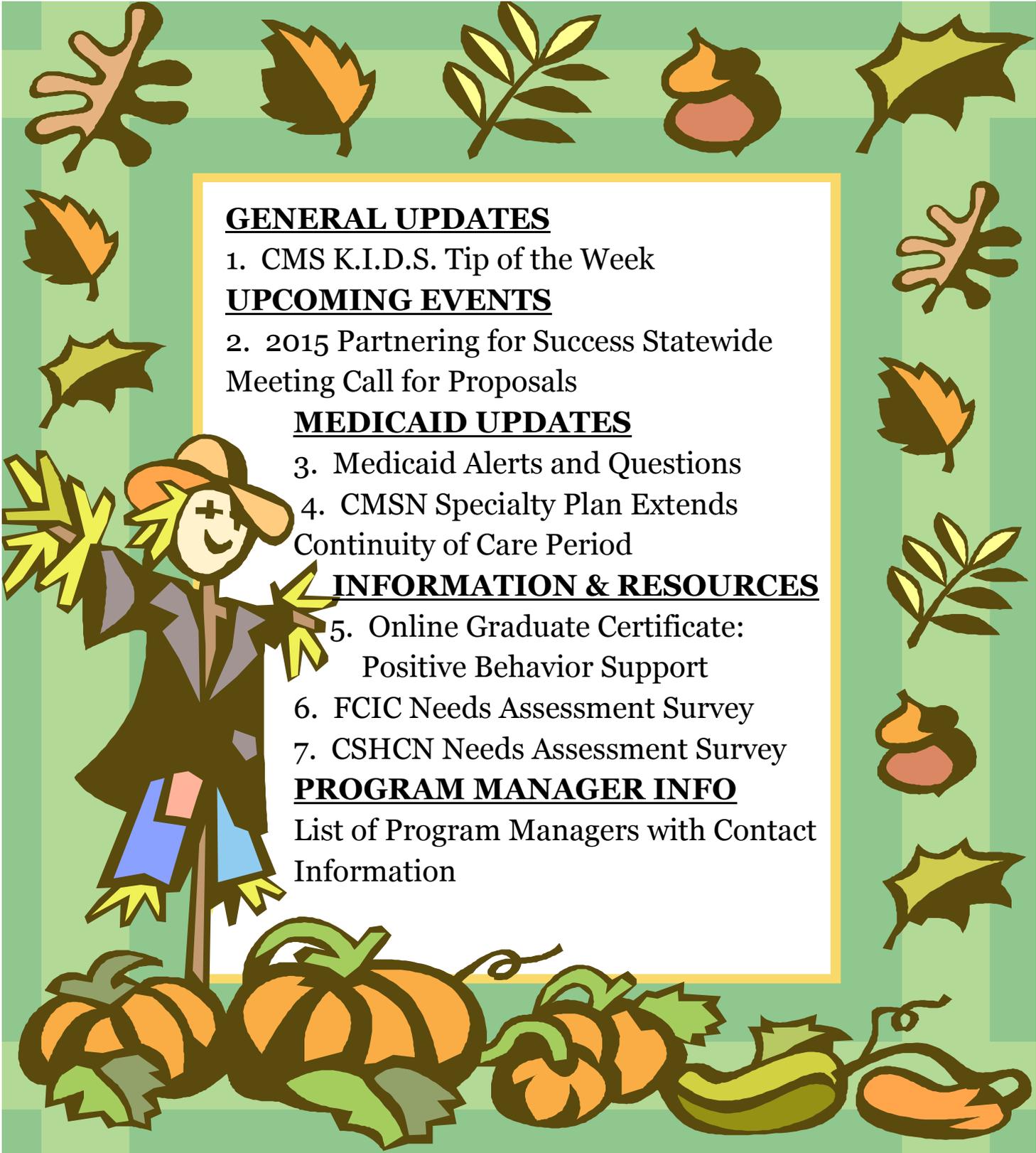


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1. CMS K.I.D.S. Tip of the Week

Always add/update insurance information on Form B2 prior to adding/updating service authorizations on Form G to insure that coordination of benefits business rules are applied correctly.

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2. 2015 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting Call for Proposals

The deadline to submit a Presentation Proposal for the upcoming 2015 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting is right around the corner! If you would like to present please complete the attached form and submit by the deadline. Breakout sessions are scheduled to last for one hour and fifteen minutes.

Please forward the attachments to anyone who may be interested in presenting at the training event. Please submit your proposal(s) by **October 15, 2014.**

MEDICAID UPDATES

3. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. You will receive an email when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the **Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts** page at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe, unsubscribe, or update your subscription.

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4. CMSN Specialty Plan Extends Continuity of Care Period

Under the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program, the Department of Health (DOH) Children's Medical Services (CMS) operates the CMS Network Specialty Plan (CMSN plan). The CMSN plan began providing services on August 1, 2014 statewide.

As an MMA plan, the CMSN plan must continue to provide any services that were previously authorized, regardless of whether the provider is participating in the plan's network. For Medicaid recipients who began enrollment in the CMSN plan August 1, 2014, the CMSN plan is extending the continuity of care period through November 30, 2014. This means the CMSN plan will continue to honor any service authorizations providers previously received or any ongoing treatment plans for such enrollees through November 30, 2014.

For all other enrollees, the CMSN plan must pay for previously authorized services for up to 60 days after the Medicaid recipient's enrollment in the CMSN plan. The CMSN plan must pay for all Medicaid services at the Medicaid fee schedule in place on the date of service.

For Medicaid, the CMSN plan has partnered with two Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) to provide network services: Ped-I-Care and South Florida Community Care Network (SFCCN). For more information, contact the ICS that serves your area:
Ped-I-Care (866-376-2456)
South Florida Community Care Network (855-819-9506)

You can go to the CMSN plan website to get information on how to become a provider for the CMSN plan at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/providers/providers.html>.

The CMS plan has contracted with MED3000 to serve as their third party administrator to facilitate service authorization and claims payment (other than pharmacy). For more information on CMSN plan prior authorizations and claims processing, go to: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/providers/ProviderNewsAlerts.html>.

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5. Online Graduate Certificate: Positive Behavior Support

The University of South Florida (USF) and the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities offers a fully online Graduate Certificate in Positive Behavior Support. This certificate program offers an evidence-based approach to resolving challenging, and supporting prosocial, behavior in children and youth within schools and early education settings. The certificate will benefit students by equipping them with necessary skills to provide systemic applications of PBS. The applications vary from understanding consultation at the individual level in the home and community, with young children in preschool settings, and/or school-age children within classrooms and schools.

For more information, please see the attached postcard or visit our website at <http://pbs.cbcs.usf.edu/>. If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Kobus at 813-974-3126 or mkobus@usf.edu.

6. FCIC Needs Assessment Survey

The Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) needs your help. We are seeking information about what Floridians feel are the needs and challenges for people with developmental disabilities (DD) throughout the state.

If you are a person with a DD, a family member of a person with DD, or a professional in the disability field please take our survey! It should only take 10-15 minutes. This information is crucial to help us develop our goals for the next five years.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Please also share the survey with others statewide. We wish to hear from as many Floridians as possible!

The survey will be available until Tuesday, October 21st.

[Click here to take the FCIC SURVEY](#)

If you have any questions or inquiries about this survey, please contact Michelle Kobus at 866-818-4797 or mkobus@usf.edu.

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7. CSHCN Needs Assessment Survey

Every 5 years Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN) conducts a needs assessment required by the federal government for programs receiving Title V funding. The needs assessment is a multi-stepped process that will span several months and result in an action plan to improve CMSN in the future.

A few weeks ago some of you participated in the first needs assessment survey that was successful in gathering a comprehensive list of the needs of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in Florida. Now that this big list has been compiled, we request your help in selecting priorities by completing this short survey that seeks to identify the most pressing needs.

This survey is being sent to CMSN staff, providers, and our SFCCN and Ped-I-Care partners. Please feel free to pass the link along to other stakeholders who work with CSHCN who you think we need to hear from. Thank you in advance for completing this survey. You may direct any questions you have to Kelli Munn at the contact information below. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and we ask that you return it by **October 17.**

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TitleVNAS2S>

Best regards,

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