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CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES RULEMAKING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN TALLAHASSEE



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Tallahassee, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health is beginning the administrative rulemaking process to put into rule clinical eligibility criteria and redetermination requirements for the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Managed Care Plan.

The CMS Plan provides access to specialty care for children with serious and chronic medical conditions. The department is hosting a rule development workshop on Oct. 16 to engage stakeholders and interested parties in discussion regarding an appropriate screening tool to determine clinical eligibility based on <u>legislative guidelines</u>.

The department is committed to moving through a transparent rulemaking process as quickly and efficiently as possible to best serve Florida's children with special health care needs.

Children awaiting clinical eligibility determinations are being served through another Managed Medical Assistance plan with the same level of service agreement as the CMS Plan, or other Medicaid programs. The department has worked in partnership with the Agency for Health Care Administration to ensure children with the most severe diagnoses are able to enroll in the CMS Plan during rulemaking. Children currently in the CMS Plan will continue to receive the high-quality care and care coordination the CMS Plan provides.

WHAT: Rule Development Workshop – CMS Screening Tool

- WHEN: Oct. 16, 2015 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- WHERE: Florida Department of Health 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Room 301 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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