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REFERENCES: Policy I-C.4.2.1, Procedures for Authorization of Medical Expenses

PURPOSE

413-050-0400 The purpose of these rules is to describe the special medical services provided by the State Office for Services to Children and Families (SOSCF).

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005

Stats. Implemented: Title XIX

POLICY

PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXAMS AND OTHER MEDICAL

413-050-0410 (1) The State Office for Services to Children and Families has two separate medical budgets. Medical expenditures can be authorized from "Administrative Exams" or from "Other Medical."

(2) "Administrative Exams" and "Other Medical" expenditures must be authorized by the local SOSCF manager or designee prior to the medical service. (Emergency appointments excepted.)

(3) Payment for "Administrative Exams" and "Other Medical" expenditures will be made only to licensed medical service providers. The medical service provider must be a licensed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, dentist, optician, registered clinical social worker, a licensed medical facility or other medical provider who is enrolled by the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) for participation in the Medicaid

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Program (Title XIX). Such providers must have an assigned active provider number from OMAP to receive payment for their services. (See exception procedures for unlicensed or non-registered consultants or trainers in SOSCF policy # I-C.4.2.1 (6).)

(4) Payment for "Administrative Exams" and "Other Medical" expenditures will be at the current published rate for the fee code billed.

(5) Parents and any medical insurance available to the child are resources for payment of exams or evaluations.

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXAMS PAYMENTS

413-050-0420 "Administrative Exams" are provided to children in SOSCF's care and custody who are or potentially are eligible for Title XIX. Expenditures are federally matchable and will be paid through OMAP. An "Administrative Exam" expenditure includes any payment to a medical provider for a physical examination, psychological/psychiatric evaluation, or copies of medical records in connection with:

(1) Protective service cases to determine if out-of-home placement is an appropriate case plan. "Administrative Exam" payments may be authorized regardless of whether placement is made; or

(2) Casework planning for Title XIX eligible children in substitute care; or

(3) Evaluation and/or testing for children in their own home to determine if out-of-home placement is an appropriate case plan. "Administrative Exam" payments may be authorized regardless of whether placement is made;

(4) Copies of hospital or medical records. These may be authorized in lieu of an

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examination in the above circumstances.

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OTHER MEDICAL PAYMENTS

413-050-0430 "Other Medical" payments are not federally matchable and are paid out of General Fund dollars. "Other Medical" is to be used for required medical services for a child in SOSCF's care and custody by court order or Voluntary Placement Agreement either in or out of substitute care, or parent who is ineligible for Title XIX and there are no other resources available. (Exception: therapy for Title XIX children may be paid out of "Other Medical" when not available through Mental Health.) Payment will be authorized only if funds are available as determined by the branch manager. "Other Medical" is only to be used if the service is not available through Mental Health or OMAP as a Medicaid service. Payments from "Other Medical" may be made in the following situations:

- (1) Psychological and psychiatric evaluations for non-Title XIX eligible children.
- (2) Drug and alcohol assessments for non-Title XIX eligible children who:
 - (a) Are in a protective service case to determine a child's need for placement, regardless of whether placement is made; or
 - (b) Are children either in or out of substitute care for casework planning.
- (3) A one-time emergency medical need for children in the custody of SOSCF and have been returned home. This is limited to children of low-income families not eligible for medical services through AFS.
- (4) Therapy for children in substitute care. Therapy must be recommended by a

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licensed psychiatrist or psychologist who evaluated the child. Funding availability must be determined by the branch manager when therapy is not available from the local mental health clinic. Payment for individual therapy is limited to eight sessions. Payment for further sessions may be authorized if a progress report establishes the need to continue.

(5) Consultation with a licensed or registered provider regarding the case or treatment planning for a specific child. Field staff's consultation with licensed experts in human behavior offers an alternative to costly individual evaluations for families or children who are experiencing severe behavioral or emotional problems. Frequently, the case record contains information accumulated over time which a consultant, trained to evaluate and interpret such data, can assess to assist the agency in developing or managing a timely and well-focused case plan.

(6) Medical care for children in detention. ORS 418.034 mandates payment of the cost of medical care for the child in detention, including emergency medical care, if the child is in custody of SOSCF. "Medical care" means emergency medical care or medical care for a medical condition that existed prior to the child's being held in a juvenile detention facility or in a local correctional facility or lockup.

(7) Evaluations of parents when required by SOSCF for casework planning to determine the parents' emotional stability, intellectual capacity, parenting capacity or maturity. These may include medical, psychiatric, psychological evaluations or drug and alcohol assessments. This does not include ongoing treatment or services. Payment from "Other Medical" for the above services will not be made for parents in permanent planning cases or for parents receiving public assistance from AFS.

(8) Parent/child Interaction evaluation.

(9) Protective service physical examinations authorized for the purpose of the legal investigation only and when out-of-home care is not a consideration.

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MEDICAL SERVICES "PERMANENT PLANNING"

413-050-0440 In cases designated permanent planning, SOSCF will make payments for necessary evaluations of parents, stepparents and/or live-in companions. This includes psychological, psychiatric and neurological evaluations, drug and alcohol assessments and parent-child interaction assessments. These services must be authorized in writing by the Permanent Planning Unit prior to the services being provided.

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MEDICAL CONSULTATION AND TRAINING FOR STAFF

413-050-0450 (1) Consultation and training for SOSCF staff on health services problems will be paid upon approval of the regional manager or designee. The consultant or trainer is not required to be licensed or registered, nor to have an assigned provider number from OMAP.

(2) Payment will be made only where there is a contract which was written and signed prior to the performance of services. (See OAR 413-330-0010)

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