Fact Sheet: Request for Information on Coordinating Care from Out-of-State Providers for Medicaid-eligible Children with Medically Complex Conditions (CMS-2324-NC) 1/16/2020

Overview

Section 1945A(e)(2) of the Social Security Act as added by the Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act (MSIA) of 2019 (Pub. L.116-16), directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to seek input from stakeholders on coordinating care provided by out-of-state providers to children with medically complex conditions. The statute specifically directs the Secretary to seek input from children with medically complex conditions and their families, states, providers (including children's hospitals, hospitals, pediatricians, and other providers), managed care plans, children's health groups, family and beneficiary advocates, and other stakeholders.

Consistent with the statute, the feedback received from stakeholders will be used to develop guidance for state Medicaid directors on the following topics:

- best practices for using out-of-state providers to provide care to children with medically complex conditions;
- coordinating care provided by out-of-state providers to children with medically complex conditions, including when provided in emergency and non-emergency situations;
- reducing barriers that prevent children with medically complex conditions from receiving care from out-of-state providers in a timely fashion; and
- processes for screening and enrolling out-of-state providers, including efforts to streamline these processes or reduce the burden of these processes on out-of-state providers.

The RFI therefore seeks input on these and other related topics.