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Purchase of Therapeutic Services for Children (100806 Funds)  
Guidance Document

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**Policy:**

It is the policy of Communities Connected for Kids (CCKids) to meet the therapeutic needs of children and families.

**Procedure:**

A. Referrals to Mental Health Services

Children with Medicaid coverage are eligible for an array of Medicaid-funded mental health services. CCKids will work with the Case Management Organizations (CMOs) to ensure timely access, using the following procedures:

1. The Dependency Case Managers (DCM) will identify mental health service needs through the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment. (See CCKids Policy #206)
  - a. Requests for behavioral health services located within the Circuit 19 will be submitted through uRefer which is accessed through the CCKids Intranet.
  - b.
  - c. Providers listed in the uRefer system include community mental health partners, substance abuse, targeted case management, psychiatric services. Once a referral is completed, the providers follow up with contact listed on the referrals to access and initiate services. The CCKids Behavioral Health Supervisor is available to assist with barriers or challenges as they arise.
2. Requests for behavioral health services outside of the Circuit 19 will require direct referrals to individual providers.
3. Services for consumers with Medicaid should be made with providers who accept Medicaid or are funded through their local Managing Entity as CCKids is a payer of last



resort. Any service requiring funding by CCKids must be approved through the Utilization Management process as outlined in CCKids Policy #1019.

4. The Dependency Case Manager (DCM) is responsible for keeping the therapists or other mental health providers informed about significant changes in the child's life that could affect mental health status and treatment.

#### B. Care Coordination

1. Behavioral Health Specialists will assist with access to services when needed for members enrolled in the Child Welfare Specialty Plan as well as all children in out-of-home care regardless of insurance coverage.
2. Behavioral Health Specialists will attend treatment team meetings when appropriate to assist with care coordination needs. This includes, but limited to, BHOS treatment teams, Multidisciplinary Team Meetings as required via SB 80, disclosure meetings for pre-adoptive families, etc.
3. Behavioral Health Specialists will attend transition plan meetings for transitioning youth who are age 17 (see CCKids Policy #302) and provide a summary of relevant health, wellness and behavioral health information developed within the one-year period prior to member's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - a. Transition plans, or a summary of relevant health, and behavioral health information developed within the year period prior to the member's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, will be submitted to CBCIH upon development or request.
  - b. CBCIH provides a monthly report, indicating enrollees who are 17 years of age to the CBC lead agencies as a request for transition plans. CCKids Behavioral Health Supervisor will share this report with the CCKids Road to Success (RTS) Supervisor upon receipt.
  - c. The Road to Success Supervisor will ensure the requested plans are available to provide to CBCIH and ensure RTS staff collaborate with Sunshine Health staff on transition planning for members one year prior to the expected date upon which an enrollee will age-out of the child welfare system.
4. Behavioral Health Specialist will co-facilitate Regis Little staffings in conjunction with Independent Living Specialist.
5. Behavioral Health Specialist will facilitate Child Specific Staffing when uRefer is received to discuss child in need of service care coordination etc. or to discuss higher level of therapeutic care appropriateness (see CCKids Policy #208).

Behavioral Health Specialist will coordinate and monitor utilization of the Purchase of Therapeutic Services for Children (100806 funds) to purchase allowable supports and services for eligible children that are not funded by Medicaid, Managing Entity or other funding sources and provide opportunities to further develop self-regulations and positive relational skills through age-appropriate enrichment activities (outlined in DCF Guidance Document).

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