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Effective December 1, Multisystemic and Functional Family Therapy can be funded through Medicaid for qualified Medicaid members. Please see the attached VDSS Broadcast. If CSA is currently or anticipates funding of MST or FFT and you have a Medicaid provider available, you should pursue that as the primary source of funding.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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This Broadcast is to notify local department of social services (LDSS) that on December 1, 2021, Multisystemic Therapy (MST) and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) will become covered services through Medicaid. Providers who have established contracts with the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and the Behavioral Health Services Administrator (BHSA), Magellan of Virginia, are eligible to begin billing for these services effective December 1, 2021.

The locality (LDSS and/or local CSA Team) will be responsible for determining if the provider and youth are eligible for Medicaid payment for the service. Localities should ask all locally-contracted providers of MST and FFT if they have an established contract with the youth's MCO. If providers have an established contract, a service authorization request for MST/FFT must be submitted by the provider to the MCO/BHSA. The youth must meet the Medicaid-established Medical Necessity Criteria (MNC) and be approved by the MCO/BHSA to participate in the service. Title IV-E (or CSA) funding should cease immediately upon approval of the Medicaid covered service. As outlined in Title IV-E Prevention guidance section 2.4.3, Title IV-E funding is payer of last resort and if these services are covered by public or private health plan such as private insurance or Medicaid, those health plans have the responsibility to pay for these services before title IV-E.

If the provider does not yet have an established contract with a MCO, then title IV-E or CSA funding may continue to be used as long as all other eligibility requirements for title IV-E prevention services continue to be met for the child and family. Localities will be responsible for working with providers on an ongoing basis if the provider is pursuing a contract with an MCO in the future. Once a provider has an established contract with an MCO, title IV-E funding should stop immediately and Medicaid should become the payer, if the youth meets medical necessity criteria and is approved by the MCO for the service. Per Title IV-E Prevention guidance section 2.4.3, title IV-E funding for Family First prevention services is to be used as a payer of last resort.

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) released a formal memo in reference to the Medicaid changes on October 15, 2021. The memo can be found [here](#).

Please contact the Family First Team at familyfirst@dss.virginia.gov if you have any questions.

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