

**Introduction**

Effective July 1, 2021, children/youth placed in foster care, including those in direct placement foster care and placement in the care of VFCAs statewide, will be mandatorily enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) unless the child/youth is otherwise exempt or excluded from enrollment.

A Voluntary Foster Care Agency (VFCA**)** isa foster care agency responsible for the temporary custody and care of children/youth placed in foster care either by order of a court (involuntary) or because their parents are willing to have them cared for temporarily outside the home (voluntary).

Not all VFCAs have elected to become Article 29-I providers; VFCAs who opt out of Article 29-I licensure are not authorized to provide health services and will not be reimbursed for Article 29-I health services through the Plan.

MMC Plans are responsible for covering the following 29-I Health Facility services for enrollees who are eligible to be served by a 29-I Health Facility, in accordance with the 29-I Billing Guidance:

1. **Core Limited Health-Related Services (CLHRS) on a per diem basis, inclusive of:**

a. Nursing Services

b. Skill Building Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioner (LBHP)

c. Medicaid Treatment Planning and Discharge Planning

d. Clinical Consultation/Supervision Services

e. VFCA Managed Care Liaison/Administration

2**. Medically necessary Other Limited Health-Related Services (OLHRS) that the 29-I Health Facility is authorized by the State to provide may include:**

a. *Children and Family Treatment Supports and Services (CFTSS)*

i. Other Licensed Practitioners (OLP)

ii. Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST)

iii. Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)

iv. Family Peer Supports and Services (FPSS)

v. Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST)

vi. Crisis Intervention (CI)

b. Children’s Waiver HCBS

i. Caregiver Family Supports and Services

ii. Community Advocacy and Support

iii. Respite (Planned and Crisis

iv. Prevocational Services

v. Supported Employment

vi. Day Habilitation

vii. Community Habilitation \

viii. Palliative Care: Bereavement Therapy

ix. Palliative Care: Expressive Therapy

x. Palliative Care: Massage Therapy



b. Children’s Waiver HCBS (con't)

xi. Palliative Care: Pain and Symptom Management

xii. Environmental Modifications

xiii. Vehicle Modifications

xiv. Adaptive and Assistive Equipment

xv. Non-Medical Transportation

c. Medicaid State Plan services

i. Screening, diagnosis and treatment services related to physical health, including but not limited to:

• Ongoing treatment of chronic conditions as specified in treatment plans

• Diagnosis and treatment related to episodic care for minor ailments, illness or injuries, including sick visits

• Primary pediatric/adolescent care

• Immunizations in accordance with NYS or NYC recommended childhood immunization schedule

• Reproductive health care

ii. Screening, diagnosis and treatment services related to developmental and behavioral health. This includes the following:

• Psychiatric consultation, assessment, and treatment

• Psychotropic medication treatment

• Developmental screening, testing, and treatment

• Psychological screening, testing and treatment

• Smoking/tobacco cessation treatment

• Alcohol and/or drug screening and intervention

• Laboratory tests

For additional information on VFCA services for EmblemHealth members, please visit:

[https://www.emblemhealth.com/plans/state-sponsored-programs/medicaid-managed-care/vfca-services](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.emblemhealth.com%2Fplans%2Fstate-sponsored-programs%2Fmedicaid-managed-care%2Fvfca-services&data=04%7C01%7CTFIDALGO%40montefiore.org%7Cca55a2dcccba4a95892c08d9250d1478%7C9c01f0fd65e040c089a82dfd51e62025%7C0%7C0%7C637581560390906548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FiziecJBSr0p%2BjwX4cYZ4navtK5Nus64e6wnS%2FJJTFc%3D&reserved=0)

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