

# Medical and Dental Financial Assistance Procedure

Regulations
EHS/HS: 1302.42

## Purpose

Head Start and ECEAP program funds, available for medical/dental care, are to be used as dollars of last resort.

## Procedure

- Families/individuals without coverage are referred, at time of enrollment, to Medicaid or Apple Health. Military families are directed to sign up with Tricare medical and dental insurance.
- No physical exam or dental exam will be paid from program funds until eligibility for coverage has been determined.
- Program can pay for services for children who are experiencing an emergency or are in pain if no other options are available.
- Program can provide mental health crisis intervention for children and immediate family members.
- Program will seek out the most cost-effective source of care, i.e., sliding-scale clinics for children with no coverage.
- Program-paid medical, dental, and mental health care are covered at Medicaid rates.