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Utilizing Medicaid to Build Family Support Programs & Services

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Basics of Medicaid



- Enacted under the Social Security Amendments of 1965
- Medicaid was designed to serve both those eligible for public assistance and those whose incomes fell just above that level but were judged to be “medically indigent”.
- Medicaid is administered by the individual states, with a combination of state and federal funding under federal guidelines.

Basics of Medicaid



Challenges:

- Wide variation in the quality and range of services in the different states
- Implementation problems
- Under service
- Marketing abuse

Medicaid is the largest program run by the Federal Government



Defining Service Components

Currently each of the states:

- Establish their own eligibility standards
- Determine the type, amount, duration and scope of services
- Set the rate of payment for services
- Administer their won programs



Defining Service Components

Medical assistance is *not* provided for all poor persons under Medicaid. Even under broad provision of the Federal statute, Medicaid does *not* provide health care services for even the very poor *unless* they are in one of the designated groups.

Defining Service Components

- Intensive Family Intervention
- Community Support Team
- Community Support Individual



Service Definitions

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Intensive Family Intervention

- Team Approach
- Lead by Licensed Clinician
- Psychologist & Psychiatrist must be part of the team
- Parent acts as Para-pro either as support or as “Team Worker”

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Community Support Team

- Team must be lead by Licensed Clinician
- Team must employ Peer Specialist
- Parent acts as Para-pro either as support or as “Team Worker”

* Para-pros must work under the supervision of a MHP or SAM

WHAT is a Parent Partner?



- The foundation of the service is specialized support from one parent to another
- The service is an intervention provided by another parent/caregiver who has “walked the walk” and can identify with and relate to what families are going through

Key Components of Parent Roles in Service Delivery



- Peer-to-Peer parent supporters, not parent correctors
- **Engage** families in the process & identify their *functional* strengths
- **Planning** – come to agreement about how “we will get there”
- **Implementation** – doing the work
- **Transition** – exiting services

Billing Mechanisms



Documentation of services provided:

- Progress Notes
- Work Plan and Agreement of Intervention



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