

Show Me Healthy Kids and Children's Division Collaboration

The purpose of this document is to define agency roles and define responsible parties within each branch of medical management and case management.

Agency Role Definitions

Children's Division - Acting legal custodian and primary contact for children in care regarding but not limited to informed consent (medication changes), providing legal document sign-off, treatment planning/changes, and provide support/ services to children in foster care, their families, and the placement providers.

Show Me Healthy Kids (SMHK) – To support the child/member and Children's Division in areas specific to managed physical and behavioral health care. Engage the child/member in care management and provide support services.

SMHK Medical Management Definitions

Utilization Management: To ensure members of Show Me Healthy Kids receive access to the right care at the right place and right time incorporates all care settings including preventive care, emergency care, primary care, specialty care, acute care, short-term care, and ancillary care services.

Responsible Party- Show Me Healthy Kids

Care Management: To help Show Me Healthy Kids members and Children's Division identify/resolve barriers/gaps in care as well as obtain needed services, whether they are covered within the Show Me Healthy Kids array of covered services, from community resources, or from other non-covered venues. Care management includes supporting Children's Division partners and our provider network whether an individual practice, large multi-specialty group setting, or other health system.

Responsible Party- Show Me Healthy Kids

DSS/Foster Care Case Management Definitions

Placement: The arrangement for the care of a child with a foster, relative, adoptive family or in a child-caring agency or institution, within the least restrictive setting that serves the child's best interest and special needs.

Responsible Party- DSS Children's Division and/or Foster Care Case Management

Case Management: To provide services including assessments, case planning, placement services, service planning, and concurrent planning for children.

These services include, but are not limited to:

1. Coordinating and facilitating the provision of services necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the child, to meet the needs of the child's parent(s) or caretaker, and to promote timely permanency
2. Facilitation of family support team meetings
3. Develop and implement visits between children and their family members
4. Preparation of court reports and attend/ participate in court hearings
5. Mitigate the issues/barriers which brought the child into custody
6. Coordination of services and provisions in compliance with federal and state law, and directed by Children's Division policy and regulation

Responsible Party- Children's Division and/or Foster Care Case Management

