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PFC Program Notice 13-01

**Subject:** PFC Waiver Renewal Changes

The purpose of the Program Notice is to inform Partners For Children (PFC) Providers and participating County California Children's Services (CCS) staff of significant changes to the PFC waiver secondary to renewal.

## BACKGROUND

On December 28, 2012 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services notified the Department of Health Care Services, Systems of Care Division, and Partners For Children Pilot that a five year renewal for the PFC Pediatric Palliative Care Waiver has been granted effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017. This changes PFC status from pilot to program.

Significant changes have been approved to further meet the staffing needs of our PFC Providers to better serve the program participants. A few of these changes include the following:

- The addition of Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) classification as a care coordinator.
- The addition of Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW) classification as a family counselor for bereavement counseling.
- Changes to the Family-Centered Action Care Plan (F-CAP) review schedule from the current time period of a full F-CAP review every 60 days to the new schedule of a full F-CAP review every 6 months.

## **POLICY**

PFC Agency staff provider requirements for Care Coordination are as follows:

### **Care Coordination**

Registered Nurse, Medical Social Worker (with at least a Master's degree), or LCSW employed by PFC Agency who meets the ***Pediatric experience and education standard*** of:

- A minimum of three years clinical pediatric experience; or
- A minimum of one year clinical End of Life Care experience
  - End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) or equivalent training within the last five years.

PFC Agency staff provider requirements for Individual and Family Bereavement Counseling are as follows:

### **Individual and Family Bereavement Counseling**

- PFC Agency Employed/Contracted: Licensed Psychologist, LCSW, ACSW with supervision, or Marriage and Family Therapist
  - Independent providers will not be allowed to bill individually on a fee-for-service basis.

### **F-CAP review schedule as follows:**

- The initial F-CAP must be completed and sent to the California Children's Services Nurse Liaison (CCSNL) for review within 14 days of the date of the first visit.
- Full F-CAP review six months from the day the Care Coordinator first visits for the Initial F-CAP.
- Full F-CAP review every six months thereafter. [Cycle of first date of visit to first visit date six months later]
- Two partial reviews
  - First partial – is due 60 days after the date of the start of the first initial F-CAP.
  - Second partial – is due 60 days after the start of the first partial.

The following F-CAP sections must be submitted with the 60 day partial reviews; attach any other sections that have additional changes or updates:

- IIB-Physical Assessment
- IV - Health and Safety
- VII Goals of Care by Care Coordinator
- VIII Integration of All Goals
- IX-B Services

The appropriate Initial or Review Summary Sheets must be done and submitted to the CCSNL with the completed F-CAP.

PFC Providers and participating County CCS staff will be notified of additional waiver renewal changes in a future PFC Program Notice.

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