

The Medical Card and the Waiver...

The Waiver allows for traditional Medicaid rules to be “waived” so that only the child or youth’s income is assessed to determine financial eligibility.

Children and Youth who meet both financial and clinical eligibility receive a medical card.

What all does that mean?

- The identified child has been determined to meet both financial and clinical eligibility criteria. The CMHC and the local Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) office work together to establish Waiver Eligibility.
- The Family has chosen to participate in the Waiver.
- The Medical card provides not only for Community Mental Health Services, but for physical health care, prescriptions, eye glasses and dental.
- The medical card is issued to cover the entire month in which eligibility was established. (i.e. If the effective date of the Waiver was May 20th, Medicaid eligibility would be effective May 1st.)
- The family may submit receipts for medical expenses for the child or youth on the Waiver for potential reimbursement that were incurred up to 90 days prior to the month the medical card was issued (payment is not guaranteed).^{*} These receipts are submitted to the local Kansas DCF Office for determination along with the Financial Application.

***Suggested Tip**

Let families know that if they mark past medical bills on their financial application they need to visit with their local Kansas DCF case worker. The payment of these bills is not “billed” through the same method as CMHC services. The final decision for reimbursement is made by the local Kansas DCF Office, not the CMHC.