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## Statewide Medicaid Managed Care: Non-Emergency Dental Services in Ambulatory Surgical Center and Outpatient Hospital Settings Effective October 1, 2025

On February 1, 2025, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) implemented new contracts with Medicaid health and dental plans to provide State Plan services to plan enrollees in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program. The new contracts required dental plans' reimbursement of non-emergency outpatient dental services performed in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) and outpatient hospital settings.

Effective **October 1, 2025**, payment responsibility for non-emergency dental outpatient anesthesiology and sedation services (those performed in a hospital or ASC) will move from Florida Medicaid's dental plans to Medicaid health plans. This change is part of the Agency's ongoing efforts to reduce administrative complexity and simplify billing for providers.

The dental plans will continue to be responsible for the coverage of anesthesiology and sedation services (DDS, DMD, MD, DO, APRN, and CRNA) when provided in conjunction with dental services in an office setting when medically necessary.

Health and dental plans are required to ensure continuity of care (COC) during the transition period for Medicaid recipients enrolled in the SMMC program. For at least sixty (60) days following the transition, medical managed care plans must honor any appointments and procedures scheduled prior to October 1, 2025, and reimburse non-participating providers at the rate they received prior to the transition date unless the provider agrees to an alternative rate.

More information about the SMMC Program can be found on the Agency's website at <a href="mailto:ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide-medicaid-managed-care">ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide-medicaid-managed-care</a>.

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