**District of Columbia S88 SPA Attachment**

**Medicaid Coverage of Title IV-E Foster Care Children Placed Outside of the District**

The Medicaid agency also provides Medicaid to otherwise eligible individuals who are not residents of the District under the following conditions:

Title IV-E Foster Care individuals aged twenty-one and under who:

* + 1. Receive foster care as defined at 45 C.F.R. § 1355.20;
    2. Receive services from a provider screened and enrolled as a District Medicaid program provider pursuant to 29 DCMR § 9400; and
    3. Are placed in an out-of-District foster home by the District Child and Family Services Agency for reasons related to the safety, permanence, and well-being of abused and neglected children and their families.

The Medicaid agency has established a process for determining when it is in the best interest of the child not to enroll him or her in the District’s Medicaid program and instead enroll the child where he or she is living. The process shall include, but not be limited to, the following circumstances:

1) Children who cannot obtain services from a District Medicaid provider because of their geographic distance; or

2) Children who have specialty health needs that cannot be addressed by an available and accessible DC Medicaid provider.

If the child or someone acting responsibly for the child requests that the child be enrolled in the Medicaid program in the state in which the child is living, the District will utilize the established process.

The Medicaid agency has established a streamlined process that enables out-of-state providers to be enrolled as a District Medicaid provider to serve these children (i.e. if a child has an emergent health need and receives services from a local provider who does not participate with DC Medicaid).