

Health Insurance Policy/Procedure

To clarify what medical and dental bills will be paid by Head Start, and to assist families in finding a medical and dental “home”.

Policy/Procedure:

- Head Start will pay for an initial medical or dental exam if the Head Start family has no insurance, with consideration given to current family income.
- However, no bill will be paid until a family without health insurance applies for, and has received, a rejection notice from Medical Assistance or MN Care.
- Since income guidelines for Head Start are very low, and since Medical Assistance guidelines are raised for Head Start age children, there should be almost no children in Head Start without Medical Assistance.
- Special situations will be considered for payment by review of the ID Team.
- Head Start is the payer of last resort.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45CFR Section 1304.20, 1304.22, 1304.40

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