

Dear Foster Parent:

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has recently learned that the HUSKY medical insurance program is going through some changes. Effective March 31, 2008, the WellCare/Preferred One and HealthNet health plans will no longer participate in the HUSKY plans. If you have a foster child enrolled in either of these two Managed Care Plans (WellCare or HealthNet) you may receive a letter from the Department of Social Services asking you to change the child's plan. **Please do not respond to that letter.**

There will be **no changes** made to the following health plans:

- Blue Care Family Plan,
- Community Health Network (CHNCT) or
- Traditional Medicaid (Title 19) of Connecticut

If you have a child enrolled in any of these three plans, you don't need to do anything.

Staff at DCF are currently reviewing our children in care enrolled in HealthNet or WellCare to see who their health care providers are. We are planning to enroll the children in the plan that their providers will accept, therefore allowing them to continue to see their providers. Please note that some providers who are not currently enrolled have been invited to join Blue Care and/or CHNCT, so that they can continue to see the children for whom they provide care. Should you have a preference regarding in which plan your foster child is enrolled, please contact your child's social worker and let them know. DCF employs Health Care Advocates who will be enrolling our foster children. If there are any questions about which plan best meets your child's needs and if desired, maintains their current provider, the Health Care Advocate will call you directly. Should you have any questions about the process or coverage issues, you may contact the Health Advocate directly. The Health Advocates are listed below:

Name	Offices	Phone	Fax	Email	
Mary Ann Daddario Supervisor	Central Office	860-550-6537	860-566-8022	Maryann.daddario@ct.gov	
Lori Cote (Monday, Thursday)	Norwich, Meriden	860-892-2961	860-885-1300	lori.cote@ct.gov	

Holly Wertz	Waterbury, Torrington, Danbury	Waterbury 203-759-7254 Torrington 860-496-5754	203-465-7322	holly.wertz@ct.gov	
Lori Cote (Tuesday, Wednesday)	Willimantic, Manchester, Middletown	860- 450-2031	860-450-1051	lori.cote@ct.gov	
Cheryl Wamuo	New Britain, Hartford	860-832-5441	860-832-5492	cheryl.wamuo@ct.gov	
James George	Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk	860-560-5033	860-566-8022	james.george@ct.gov	
James George	Greater New Haven Metro New Haven	860-560-5033	860-566-8022	james.george@ct.gov	

As previously mentioned we are working to make sure that the plan in which the child is enrolled allows the child to remain in the care of the doctor he/she is currently seeing. In the meantime, your child will continue to receive services through WellCare or HealthNet until the new plan goes into effect. Once enrolled, you will receive a notice from the new plan confirming the child's membership and effective date.

Remember, no matter in which plan the child is enrolled they will continue to receive the same medical benefits. Also, as always, at anytime should you want the child's health plan to be changed please let the child's worker know and we will make that happen for you. Though not responsible for the health plan changes, DCF is committed to making this process as easy as possible for you. We greatly appreciate the care you provide to our foster children and we hope 2008 is a happy, healthy year!

Sincerely

Stacey Gerber
Director of Foster Care Services