Payment for Medical and Dental Services

**Policy/Approach:**

SOCFC is able to assist with payment of certain health services under certain conditions, only if there is no other source of funding or other community resource available, and if the budget allows. Services must be preauthorized, and payments are made based on approved fee schedules. The child must be currently enrolled in the program at the time any services are rendered.

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**Board Approval:** 2/20/2014

**Procedure:**

Insurance will be utilized, if available.

All efforts will be made to assist families in applying for health coverage (e.g., Oregon Health Plan) when there is a possibility that the child may qualify.

Community resources will be utilized when available (Children’s Dental Clinic, Lions Club, Siskiyou Community Health and Dental Clinic, Rogue Community Health, La Clinica).

Staff will contact Health Services when seeking to have Southern Oregon Head Start pay for medical or dental services.

Preauthorization for services and amount covered will be approved by the Health Director, keeping in mind the limited budget available.

Invoices from providers will be approved by the Health Director. Payment for preauthorized services are to be made according to the Head Start fee schedules.