

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For a list of qualifying diagnoses and the coverage term, see Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.09.69.17. This can be accessed on the web at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/10/10.09.69.17.htm>

Additional information about the Rare and Expensive Case Management Program and enrollment information is available at :

<http://www.dhmf.state.md.us/ma/longtermcare/html/REM-information.htm>

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Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) is a voluntary program for a limited number of people who receive Medicaid (Medical Assistance). REM provides a case managed, fee for service alternative to enrollment in a HealthChoice Managed Care Organization for people with certain rare or expensive conditions that are specified by state regulations. To receive REM services, a person must be otherwise eligible for Maryland HealthChoice, which is the Maryland Medicaid's Managed Care Program. A person who would otherwise be in the "fee for service" Medicaid program (for example, a person who receives both Medicaid and Medicare, or receives Medicare only) would not be eligible for the REM Program. Individuals are often referred to the REM Program by a Medicaid Managed Care Organization or by a doctor, but anyone, including the recipient, can refer a person at any time to the REM program.

Benefits: In the REM Program, a person is assigned a REM Case Manager who assists a person to access and coordinate services. There are several case management agencies. In addition to services available to all Medicaid recipients, a REM recipient is eligible for an expanded array of services that are medically necessary, which may include:

- Individual and Family Education
- Family Support Services
- Treatment Plan Development
- Nursing Services
- Home health care
- Dental services
- Nutritional services and supplements
- Occupational therapy, speech and hearing services

A person **may** be enrolled in a waiver program such as the Community Pathways Waiver, or Autism Waiver, **and also receive** REM services as long as the services provided are not duplicative.

There are several organizations that provide REM case management services. When you are told you are to receive REM services, you should ask for their names.

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