

### ASSURANCE OF QUALITY SERVICES

The following is a description of the methods that will be used to assure that the medical and remedial care and services are of high quality, and a description of the standards established by the State to assure high quality care:

1. All medical and remedial care and services recognized for payment will be limited to medical vendors licensed under the laws of this State or under comparable laws of other States to the extent that State law requires licensure. Additional qualifications are set forth in regulations by the Secretary for certain specified types of vendors in order to participate in the programs.
2. In order to participate under the State Plan, specialists are to be certified by the appropriate medical or osteopathic specialty board or be qualified for admission to the examination of the appropriate board; or hold an active staff appointment in a hospital approved for training in the appropriate specialty with privileges in that specialty.
3. Priority is given to the use of available semi-private accommodations (as defined in Section 1861(4) of the Social Security Act) for hospital recipients.
4. Standards for medical and remedial care and services incorporate, as appropriate standards in other specialized, high quality programs, particularly the program of crippled children's services.
5. Standards for care in skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities are as those set forth in applicable Federal regulations.
6. The State agency will establish a process(es) of utilization review for each item of care and service listed in Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act that is included in the State's medical assistance program. Methods and procedures established for this purpose will provide for evaluation of quality, quantity, and timeliness of services provided. The medical assistance unit of the single State agency is responsible for all utilization review plans and activities under the medical assistance program. The methods and procedures established will be in accordance with the requirements set forth in SRS Program Regulation No. 40-9.
7. Methods will be developed to assure that direct service workers and their supervisors are knowledgeable about health problems and ways to assist people to secure medical and remedial care and services.
8. Direct service workers will be kept currently informed of significant medical information concerning their clients.

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9. Medical care and services not provided by a licensed professional person must be recommended or prescribed by a licensed professional person.