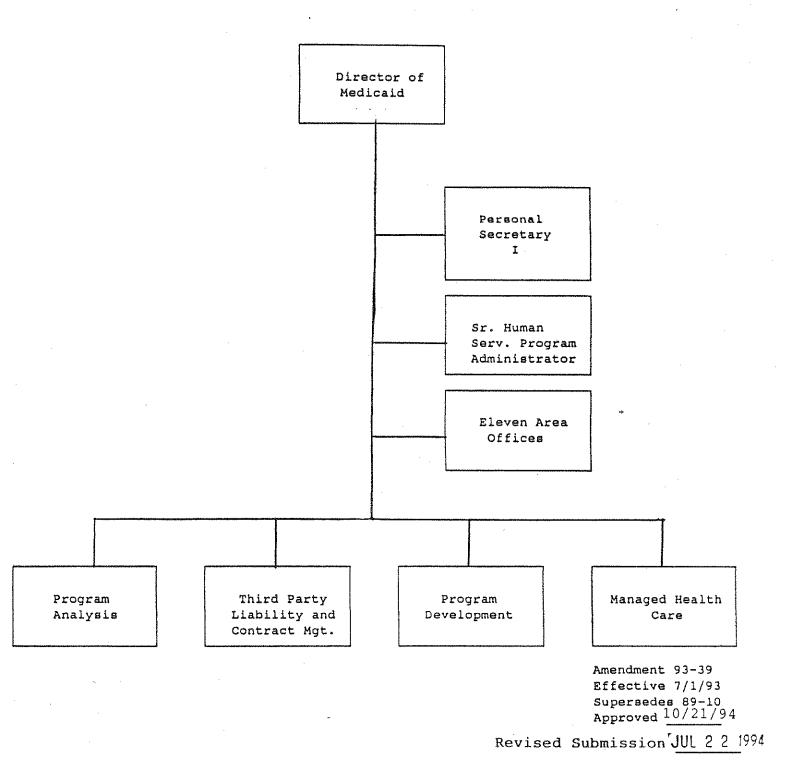
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION MEDICAID OFFICE



ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF THE MEDICAID OFFICE

Attachment 1.2-B, Page 1 shows the organizational chart of the Medicaid Office. The major functions of the four administrative units and the eleven area offices are discussed below. Also listed is the Program Integrity unit, which is under the supervision the Inspector General for Health Care Administration.

Program Analysis

Provides the planning, research, evaluation, analysis and reporting capabilities required by the Medicaid program in the area of cost reimbursement, fiscal and budget planning, data analysis and forecasting, and alternative health plans. Directs audit programs.

Program Development

Develops, coordinates, implements and monitors Medicaid program policy so that compliance with state and federal laws is ensured and that services are made available in the most cost effective manner; and administers the program's medical authorization function. Plans and implements Medicaid provider and consumer relation activities and exceptional claims resolution, and enrolls Medicaid non-institutional providers.

Managed Health Care

Plans, develops, implements and monitors managed care programs, including home and community based waivers and freedom of choice waivers, prepaid health plans, and demonstration grant programs. Directs special projects.

Medicaid Third Party Liability and Contract Management

Plans, develops and implements third party liability policies and procedures. Manages contract for fiscal agent services to develop, operate and maintain the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS). Oversees Medicaid eligibility program policies and procedures.

Area Medicaid Offices

The state is divided into eleven area Medicaid offices, which are under the direct supervision of the Director for Medicaid. The area offices are the local liaison to Medicaid providers and local Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services staff. The area offices are responsible for claims resolution, institutional quality of care monitoring, program training and program reviews.

Area offices have the following professional medical personnel and supporting staff:

- * Registered Nurse Specialist (30.5 positions): Plans, coordinates and directs activities for the medical review functions and requests for service authorizations relating to EPSDT services for children under 21 years of age.
- * Clerk Typist Specialist (3 positions): Provides typing assistance for Registered Nurse Specialists.
- * Word Processing Systems Operator: Provides word processing support for Registered Nurse Specialists.

Office of Program Integrity (Under supervision of the Agency for Health Care Administration's Inspector General's office)

Administers Medicaid utilization control and fraud and abuse investigative functions and monitors various quality of care requirements. This includes ensuring that appropriate services are furnished, detecting and investigating possible fraud and abuse; determining overpayments to providers and recouping inappropriate payments; educating providers concerning Medicaid policy; coordinating administrative sanctions and referring providers (when appropriate) to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the Auditor General for criminal investigation.

Program Integrity has the following professional medical personnel:

- * Pharmaceutical Program Manager: Supervises professional staff and coordinates functions of the medical records review and drug utilization review program.
- * Senior Pharmacist (four positions): Professional staff for medical records review and drug utilization review activities.
- * Registered Nursing Consultant (thirteen positions): Plans, coordinates and directs activities for medical records review functions for use in fraud and abuse investigations.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION MEDICAID OFFICE Description of Staff

Administrative Unit

Director of Medicaid: Directs the program planning and development of the Florida Title XIX, Medicaid program.

Executive Secretary: Acts as personal secretary to the Director.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist: Serves as administrative assistant to the Director. Performs office management functions and duties related to special assignments and projects.

Program Analysis Administrative Unit

Chief: Provides the planning, research, evaluation, analysis and reporting capabilities required by the Medicaid program in the areas of fiscal and budget planning, data analysis and forecasting, cost reimbursement, and alternative health plans.

Staff Assistant: Organizes and administers the daily administrative and operational functions of the office. Carries out public relations activities and performs research in connection with correspondence.

Fiscal Planning, Data and Research Section

Senior Management Analyst II/Coordinator: Develops the legislative budget request for Medicaid, represents the agency at the Social Services Estimating Conference, prepares data analysis and fiscal impacts.

Operations and Management Consultant Manager: Assists with development of legislative budget requests, prepares and tracks budget amendments, allocates and tracks the approved operating budget, and assists with drug rebate monitoring and tracking.

Medical/Health Care Program Analyst (five positions):
Assists in the development of the legislative budget request and forecast, monitors and amends the budget, prepares extensive fiscal analyses, responds to all data requests, prepares drug rebate invoices, and tracks rebate receipts.

Cost Reimbursement Planning and Analysis Section

Regulatory Analyst Supervisor (one position): Directs the Medicaid Cost Reimbursement Planning and Analysis Administrators in the development, coordination and evaluation of Medicaid cost reimbursement plans, methodologies, special reimbursement policy studies, and rate-setting functions.

Medicaid Cost Reimbursement Planning and Analysis Administrator (three positions): Develops, directs, coordinates, and evaluates Medicaid cost reimbursement plans, methodologies, special studies, and rate-setting functions.

Administrative Secretary (two positions): Assists with the preparation and typing of special documents and correspondence. Answers phones, greets the public, and maintains files.

Regulatory Analyst III (seven positions): Performs desk audits of cost reports for hospitals, nursing homes, intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled, federally qualified health centers, and county public health units that participate in the Medicaid program. Processes changes in ownership of facilities, and performs rate setting functions.

Regulatory Analyst II (three positions): Performs desk audits of cost reports for hospitals, nursing homes, intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled, federally qualified health centers, and county public health units that participate in the Medicaid program. Processes changes in ownership of facilities, and performs rate setting functions.

Regulatory Analyst I (one position): Assists in desk audits and rate setting functions.

Medical/Health Care Program Analyst (two positions): Conducts research on cost reimbursement issues and methodologies. Prepares legislative reports and conducts special policy studies. Assists the Medicaid Cost Reimbursement Planning Administrator in the development and evaluation of Medicaid cost reimbursement plans and methodologies.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist (one position): Assists in the development, evaluation, and implementation of Medicaid cost reimbursement methodologies for institutional providers. Promulgates administrative rules and coordinates state plan amendments.

system Project Analyst (two positions): Designs and maintains the computer system and software for use by all staff in the Cost Reimbursement section. This system provides storage, retrieval, rate setting, and statistical analysis for all institutional provider reimbursement programs.

Computer Programmer Analyst II: Assists the System Project Analysts in maintaining the computer system and software and conducting statistical analysis for all institutional provider reimbursement programs.

Data Analysis Section

Systems Project Administrator: Develops, directs and coordinates all required systems development and data analysis required for the Medicaid office. Supervises preparation of budget forecast and reports. Analyzes computer hardware and software acquisitions and determines appropriate deployment. Develops and supervises rate-setting methodologies for the Medicaid programs.

Systems Project Analyst (three positions): Develops and maintains all required data systems. Performs required data analysis for policy decision-making, including budgeting, ratesetting and new program development. Coordinates data exchange with the fiscal agent, including ad hoc reporting and database extracts.

Audit Services Section

Audit Services Administrator (Chief Internal Auditor): Develops, directs, and coordinates audit programs, audits of cost reports for nursing homes, and initial fair rental value system asset base.

Administrative Secretary: Assists with preparation and typing of special documents and correspondence, and maintains files.

Audit Evaluation and Review Analyst (seven positions):
Reviews cost reports of nursing homes and intermediate care
facilities for developmentally disabled for acceptability,
reviews audit working papers, represents the agency in the appeal
process, and establishes the fair rental value system asset base.

Managed Health Care Administrative Unit

Chief: Provides the planning, development, implementation and monitoring of managed care programs, including home and community based waivers, freedom of choice waivers, prepaid health plans, and demonstration grant programs.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments. Organizes and administers daily administrative and operational functions of the office.

Home and Community Based Waivers Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of the Home and Community Based waivers and special projects. Coordinates the development of interprogram issues.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments.

Medical/Health Care Program Analyst (five positions):
Develops program policies and procedures for waiver programs,
monitors the provision of services and operation of the programs,
and provides technical assistance to areas and other agency
staff. Performs special projects as assigned.

* Registered Nursing Consultant: Plans, coordinates and directs activities for the medical review functions and requests for exceptions relating to Project Aids Care (PAC).

Health Maintenance Organization Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of program policies and procedures for prepaid health plan contracting, prepaid health plan contracts, and the development, implementation and operation of new prepaid health plan programs.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments.

Medical/Health Care Program Analysts (four positions):
Develops prepaid health plan contracts and programs and
demonstration grant projects.

Primary Care Case Management Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of the primary care case management program and the "Healthy Beginnings" contract. Coordinates interprogram issues.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments.

Medical/Health Care Program Analysts (five positions): Develops, expands and monitors the primary care case management program.

Medicaid Third Party Liability and Contract Management Administrative Section

Chief: Supervises the development of third party liability policies and procedures, and manages the contract for fiscal agent services to develop, operate and maintain the Florida Medicaid Management Information System.

Staff Assistant: Provides administrative support to the chief in order to maintain smooth work flow and timely completion of assignments.

Third Party Liability Program Policy/Resource Development Section

Medical Health Care Program Analyst: Coordinates the development of third party policies and procedures, electronic data matches, system changes, state plan, action plan, waiver requests, and System Performance Review. Serves as liaison for state and federal audits.

Planner IV: Coordinates the development of third party policies and procedures, electronic data matches, system changes, state plan, action plan, waiver requests, and System Performance Review. Serves as liaison for state and federal audits.

Casualty Section

Insurance Administrator B: Supervises the handling of casualty cases and negotiates settlements.

Insurance Specialist III (five positions): Notifies attorneys and insurance adjusters of Medicaid payment for injury cases, prepares liens, negotiates settlements, and prepares releases and satisfactions of lien.

Human Services Program Records Analyst: Mails questionnaires to injured recipients and identifies returned questionnaires.

Secretary Specialist: Provides word processing support to the Casualty and Insurance Resource staff in order to maintain smooth work flow and timely completion of assignments.

Insurance Resources Section

Insurance Administrator B: Supervises the input of third party liability data into the Florida Medicaid Management Information System, reviews claims pended for third party liability review, monitor cost avoidance activities, monitors the carrier billing system, and resolves third party liability related claim problems.

Insurance Specialist III: Answers insurance company inquiries, instructs providers about billing with third party liability, reviews claims pended for third party liability review, performs third party liability overrides for force pay claims, and processes Transfer of Assets forms.

Senior Clerks (four positions): Processes Insurance Carrier Turn Around Documents, enters third party liability data from HRS form 1293As and SSA form 8019, insurance carrier billings, mail insurance carrier claims, and follows up on suspected third party liability.

Research and Training Section

Research and Training Specialist (three positions):
Provides third party liability related training to HRS area staff involved in entering third party liability data into the Florida Online Recipient Integrated Data Access System, and provides training to area Medicaid claim resolution staff.

Senior Clerk: Provides word processing support to the trainers.

Accounting Section

Accounting Services Supervisor: Reviews third party hospital audits, monitors collections from hospital audits, approves provider refunds, and reviews the preparation of the third party liability portion of the HCFA 64 report.

Administrative Secretary: Provides word processing support to the Accounting and Hospital Audit sections, and provides administrative support to the third party liability office.

Accountant IV: Prepares the third party liability portion of the HCFA 64 report, initiates Medicaid recoupments, and handles accounting technical problems.

Fiscal Assistant II: Classifies and records deposits in State Automated Management Accounting System.

Fiscal Assistant I Produces cash receipts for all third party liability recoveries, assists with classifying and recording deposits, and reviews Medicare Part B cash receipts and denials.

Receipts Section

Accountant I: Processes provider request for refunds, and performs third party liability adjustments in Medicaid history claim files.

Fiscal Assistant II (two positions): Enters insurance carrier payments into the carrier billing file, handles applications of restitution payments, enters third party liability payments to adjust paid claim history, and follows up on outstanding claims on hospital audits.

Clerk Specialist: Receives and opens incoming mail and distributes to office staff, and prepares mail-in-log of refund checks.

Hospital Audit Section

Internal Auditor II (three positions): Conducts on-site audits of business records at Medicaid participating hospital providers to identify third parties who may be responsible for paying part or all of hospital services.

Eliqibility Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of eligibility program policies and procedures including newborn processing and buy-in. Coordinates the recipient subsystem of the Florida Medicaid Management Information System and the development of interprogram issues.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist (three positions): Develops program policies and procedures for eligibility of Medicaid recipients, including States Legalization Impact Assistance Grant (SLIAG); monitors the provision of service and operation of programs, and provides technical assistance to the areas and other agency staff.

Administrative Secretary: Assists with typing documents and correspondence and maintaining files.

Medicaid Contract Management Administrative Section

Administrative Secretary: Provides administrative support to the chief.

Senior Clerk: Receives and distributes incoming mail, maintains Customer Service Request files, maintains and updates the system documentation library, and performs incidental typing and data input.

Systems Section

Systems Project Administrator: Responsible for coordinating the operations, maintenance, and management reviews of the Florida Medicaid Management Information System.

Systems Project Analyst (two positions): Responsible for all systems hardware and software aspects of the contract for fiscal agent and other services for the Florida Medicaid Program.

Medicaid Management Review Monitor (two positions): Responsible for management information and operations analysis activities, and monitoring and overseeing the contractor's management.

Contract Administrative Section

Medicaid Management Review Monitor: Responsible for overall fiscal administration and operational review of all fiscal aspects of the Medicaid fiscal agent contract.

Budget Specialist: Assists in the fiscal administration and operational review of the fiscal agent contract. Prepares extensive fiscal analysis, monitors the fiscal agent budget, and assists in preparation of contract documents.

Audit Section

Computer Audit Analyst: Plans, conducts and supervises the audit activities relative to computerized payments made to medical care providers by the Medicaid fiscal agent.

Senior Contract Auditor (three positions): Plans and conducts audit activities relative to computerized payments made to medical care providers by the Medicaid fiscal agent.

Program Development Administrative Unit

Chief: Plans, directs, organizes and coordinates the development of Medicaid program policies and procedures. Ensures program policies and procedures are consistent as presented in manuals, administrative rules, and the state plan and are in compliance with federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Plans and implements Medicaid program provider and consumer relations activities, exceptional claims resolution, provider enrollment policies, and provider data analysis.

Staff Assistant: Organizes and administers activities of the office from a business manager standpoint and assures the accuracy and completeness of all outgoing documents.

Medical Health Care Program Analyst: Coordinates the development of special programs which impact children. Serves as a liaison to the Department of Education on policy issues that impact schools, including Part H and Full Service Schools.

Senior Management Analyst II: Coordinates policy and management issues that cross section responsibilities. Serves as a liaison with other bureaus and state agencies on issues that impact program development.

Pharmacy Section

Human Services Analyst: Reviews and resolves claims processing problems and adjusts drug coverage codes as appropriate. Assists with file maintenance and review of requests for changes in coverage status.

Human Services Program Specialist: Coordinates drug file maintenance, insures accuracy of drug file pricing information, and makes recommendations for changes in coverage policy. Assists with development of provider notices and provider handbooks.

Medical Health Care Program Analyst (two positions): Coordinates system change requests as they affect the prescribed drug program and assists in development and analysis of ad hoc reports for other professional staff. Organizes and manages the development of provider manuals and training materials.

Systems Project Analyst (one position): Manages the administrative and prior authorization network systems, functions as technical liaison with the fiscal agent and manages data transfer between the pharmacy unit and the fiscal agent.

Administrative Secretary (three positions): Maintains office management records and correspondence files, processes travel expense requests, reviews incoming correspondence for assignment and outgoing correspondence for accuracy and appropriate format. Coordinates telephone coverage, vacation and leave scheduling and employee training schedules.

Senior Clerk (two positions): Assists with analysis and management of coverage requests for prior authorized services and preparation of responses to written or telephone inquiries.

Word Processing Systems Operator: Types outgoing correspondence, operates the switch board, refers inquiries to appropriate professional staff, and sorts incoming written correspondence.

- * Senior Pharmacist (thirteen positions): Professional staff for review and processing of prior authorization requests, changes in coverage policy, and coordination of drug utilization review activities. Additional duties include analysis of utilization data for development of rebate agreements with manufacturers, negotiation with manufacturers and monitoring of prior authorization, DUR and rebate agreements impact on the prescribed drug program.
- * Pharmaceutical Program Manager (three positions):
 Supervises professional and clerical staff, coordinates
 development of changes in coverage policy, responds to inquiries
 and program change notices from the Health Care Financing
 Administration, develops administrative rule revisions, and
 insures appropriate functioning of the prior authorization, drug
 utilization review and enhanced rebate programs.

Long Term Care Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of long term care program policies and procedures, and coordinates the development of interprogram issues.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments.

* Registered Nursing Consultant (three positions):
Plans, coordinates and directs activities for the medical review functions and out-of-state prior authorizations. Develops program policies and procedures for home health agencies, hospices, and level of care criteria for intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled and nursing facilities. Responsible for all prior authorization functions for the pressure ulcer therapy program.

Medical/Health Care Program Analyst: Plans, coordinates and directs the activities relating to nursing homes, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, and state mental health hospitals.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist (two positions):
Develops program policies and procedures for inpatient and
outpatient hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Implements
the functions of the dental and medical prior authorization
request activity, and screens prior authorization requests for
the physician consultant review and the utilization review
functions.

Human Services Program Specialist: Responsible for file maintenance, institutional provider enrollment, and rule coordination.

Senior Clerk: Enrolls institutional providers; and assists with utilization control, the quarterly HCFA report, and semiannual HCFA PASSAR report.

Non-Institutional Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of program policies and procedures for non-institutional services; supervises the review, analysis and evaluation of policy, its implementation and operation; coordinates development of interprogram issues.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and timely accurate completion of work assignments.

* Registered Nurse Consultant: Develops and assesses program policies and procedures for podiatry services, therapy services, prescribed pediatric extended care centers, medical foster care, and the multiple handicapped assessment team; provides technical assistance to area staff and other agency staff.

Medical/Health Care Program Analyst (two positions):
Develops and assesses program policies and procedures for
independent laboratory services, Clinical Laboratory Improvement
Amendments compliance, portable X-ray services, durable medical
equipment, supplies, orthotics and prosthetics, and enteral and
parenteral supplies and equipment. Provides technical assistance
to area staff and other agency staff.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist (two positions):
Develop and assess program policies and procedures for eyeglasses
and vision services, prosthetic eyes, hearing aids and hearing
services, emergency and non-emergency transportation, customized
and motorized wheelchairs, prior and services authorization and
specialty item pricing for non-institutional providers; provide
technical assistance to area staff and other agency staff.

Maternal and Child Health Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of program policies and procedures on non-institutional services; supervises the review and assessment of policy and its implementation and operation; and coordinates development of interprogram issues.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments.

* Registered Nursing Consultants (three positions):
Coordinates and directs the development and preparation of
program policies, handbooks, and administrative rules for
physician services, regional perinatal intensive care centers,
advanced registered nurse practitioners, family planning,
birthing centers, rural health centers, federally qualified
health care centers, county public health units, Medicaid
clinical services, and organ transplantation. Coordinates
Healthy Start issues related to Medicaid. Provides technical
assistance to area Medicaid offices.

Medical Health Care Program Analyst: Coordinates and directs the development and preparation of program policies, handbooks, and administrative rules for dental services. Maintains the procedure code file, healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS) for the Florida Medicaid Management Information System, and locally assigned procedure codes. Provides technical assistance to area Medicaid offices.

Administrative and Medicaid Services Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the development of program policies and procedures for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and community mental health programs. Supervises the development and preparation of the state plan, administrative rules and program manuals. Oversees implementation of third party and crossover claims policy and procedures, and the claims processing subsystem of Florida Medicaid Management Information System, including System Performance Review (SPR) and quality control.

Administrative Secretary: Provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and accurate and timely completion of work assignments.

* Registered Nursing Consultant: Coordinates and directs the development and preparation of program policies, handbooks, and administrative rules for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program (EPSDT).

Medical Health Care Program Analyst (two positions):
Coordinates and directs the development and preparation of
program policies, handbooks, and administrative rules for
community mental health. Coordinates and directs the development
of Medicare crossover policy, claims processing quality control,
provider handbook coordination, electronic data interchange
(EDI), claim form standards, computer training and resource
coordination. Coordinates and directs the development and
preparation of program policies, handbooks, and administrative
rules for chiropractic services.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist: Develops and drafts state plan amendments and cooperative agreements. Serves as liaison on the claims processing subsystem, system performance review, third party liability, and system documentation. Assists with the development of Medicare crossover policy.

Human Services Analyst: Prepares and processes state plan amendments, and coordinates review and updates to the Federal Register, Florida Administrative Weekly, State Medicaid Manual, Health Care Financing Administration program memorandums, program issuances, and the Commerce Clearing House publications.

Claims Resolution Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the planning, directing, monitoring and implementation of claims force payment procedures so that federal and state audit requirements are met, and serves as the primary consultative source in the area of claims processing policy and procedures for staff statewide.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist (three positions): Develops policies for and processes claims force payments, monitors area force payments, resolves eligibility file errors that prevent accurate claims payment. Trains staff statewide in the billing and reimbursement process.

Senior Clerk: Researches and compiles the results of findings concerning Medicaid recipient eligibility histories, recipient data affecting claims adjudication, provider entitlement history and associated data for the use of program specialists in force pay claims activities. Also provides secretarial support in order to maintain smooth work flow and timely completion of work assignments.

Provider Relations Section

Program Administrator: Supervises the planning, directing and coordination of activities relating to provider enrollment, publications, and maintenance of the Medicaid Management Information System provider file. Manages liaison activities with all area offices and professional health care associations.

Senior Human Services Program Specialist: Monitors the provider relations functions of fiscal agent contractor, and the provider enrollment requirements. Serves as liaison on system performance review.

Human Service Program Records Analyst: Oversees provider enrollment, recruitment, and publications. Develops confidentiality policies, monitors the fiscal agent contractor's provider files, and submits and maintains remittance voucher banner messages to providers.

Medical Health Care Analyst (two positions): Directs the plastic Medicaid card project and develops and prepares Medicaid publications. Serves as field representation liaison, researches and analyses provider error trends for policy development, and performs needs assessment for training efforts.