

psychosocial or medical factors that interfere with the caregiver's ability to manage the individual's medical care.

B. The Children with Special Needs Advisory Committee, in consultation with the REM Committee Chair, will recommend to the Secretary standards for the qualification of case managers for children with special needs, including experience and expertise of case managers and guiding principles of case management for children with special needs in HealthChoice including those in REM. The Committee will also recommend to the Secretary the method and criteria by which children are assigned to case managers with appropriate expertise.

C. Individuals receiving services, including disease management services, in a specialty clinic or other setting at the parent's or guardian's option, shall be allowed to continue to receive services in that setting. Services provided under this provision shall be reimbursed on a fee for service basis as set by the REM program.

D. The current system of payment from Children's Medical Service (CMS) for "wrap around services" for Medical Assistance recipients will be maintained until January 1, 1999. The CMS program will implement a redesign initiative on January 1, 1999. This payment may be given by grants.

All participants in the Rare and Expensive Case Management program shall have a primary care physician as indicated in COMAR 10.09.66.05. The Rare and Expensive Case Management program