## **PURPOSE OF THE CARE GRANT**

Care Grants are funds available to support services or supplies that the member can use for social, physical, or educational activities. These activities support healthy social, physical, and educational development of the member and are not Medicaid covered benefits.

## **CARE GRANT ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA:**

- Meets eligibility for, and is enrolled in, the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan at the time of request.
- May benefit from involvement in a healthy social, physical, or educational activity.
- Service or supply must be used for the member directly.
- Care Grants must not exceed **\$150** per member per calendar year.
- Care Grant funds not used within one (1) calendar year cannot be carried over to the next calendar year.

### **REQUEST PROCEDURE**

Requests for Care Grants must be submitted to HFC Nurse Care Specialists, Deborah Caufman, dcaufman@heartlandforchildren.org or Maria Castro, mcastro4@heartlandforchildren.org.

Adoptive parents, GAP and 18 and over must submit requests directly to CareGrants@Centene.com.

#### ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Supporting documentation describing services and/or supplies, along with verification of cost, must be submitted at the time of initial request. The supporting documentation is to be attached to the Care Grant Request Form. Any forms received without supporting documentation will not be processed.

Examples of supporting documentation are receipts, printouts of cost from websites, flyers from school or other programs, or written estimate of services to be provided. Documentation should clearly demonstrate the cost of the services or supplies to be equal to the amount requested, which cannot exceed \$150 per member per calendar year.

## **EXAMPLES OF EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL OR PHYSICAL SUPPLIES OR SERVICES**

Activity or Registration Fees For: Camp, Daycare, Sports Clubs, Dance Lessons, Tutoring, Field Trips

Supplies: Football Uniforms, Cheerleading Uniforms, Musical Instrument Rental, Sporting Goods.

#### Items that do not meet criteria and will not be approved:

- Select electronics: Kindle Fire, Cell Phones, Gaming Systems, IPad, Toddler Leap Pads
- · General clothing Items: School Uniforms, General Clothing Items not associated with an activity
- Theme Park Tickets
- Toys

\*\*For more examples, see next page \*\*\*

# Examples of Previously Approved Care Grant Requests:

| Category                          | Туре                | Examples  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Educational                       | Activity            | Summer Camp, Winter Break Camp, Sports camp, Daycare Fees, After School Care  |  |
| Educational                       | Fee                 | College Application Fees, School Field Trips, Summer Camp and Daycare Registration Fees   |  |
| Educational                       | Activity            | Swim Lessons, Art Classes, Music Lessons, Tutoring  |  |
| Educational                       | Supplies            | Musical Instrument, Curriculum for Tutoring Programs  |  |
| Physical                          | Activity Fee        | Volleyball, Football, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Gymnastics Class, Dance Class, Swimming, Karate Classes, Etc  |  |
| Physical                          | Supplies            | Mini-Trampolines, Bicycles, Roller skates, Safety helmets,<br>Basketball Hoops, Soccer Nets, Soccer Balls, Basket Balls, Soccer<br>uniforms, Cheerleading uniform, Cleats, Ballet Shoes   |  |
| Physical or Social                | Supplies/Services   | Uniforms required for participation in: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Football, Cheer, Band, Soccer, etc   |  |
| Social                            | Activity            | Cap & Gown Fee for Graduation, Senior Trip, Grand Night, School Clubs, Service Clubs  |  |
| Ideas for Infants and Toddlers    |                     |   |  |
| Social<br>Educational<br>Physical | Infants<br>Toddlers | "Mommy & Me" Gym Class Swim Instruction Child Care Expenses Mini-Trampoline Gym or Climbing Play Mats Infant Exercise Products (ie: Jumperoo, Baby Einstein Exersaucer) *See below, please do not request toys, strollers or car seats* |  |

| Does Not Meet Criteria: Will Be Denied   |                                     |   |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Does not Meet<br>Criteria for Social,<br>Educational or<br>Physical Items,<br>Services or<br>Supplies. | General Clothing Items              | School Uniforms, General Clothing Items, Shoes  |  |
|  | Personal Care and<br>Grooming Items | Personal Care Items, Hair cuts, Hair Straighteners, Beauty Products   |  |
|  | Theme Park Tickets                  | Theme Park Tickets, Amusement Park Admission, Sea World, Disney, Busch Gardens, Hotel Rooms (unless part of a school, faith based or organized trip). |  |
|  | School Memoriabilia                 | Senior Class Yearbooks, School Pictures, Class rings, Registration for professional modeling classes, Hotel Rooms, food items                         |  |
|  | Toys                                | Hover boards, toy trucks, Dolls, Legos, Duplos, pools   |  |
|  | Misc Items                          | Braces, Car Seats, Strollers, Occupational Therapy Devices or Supplies, Diapers, Training Pants   |  |
|  | Electronics Devices                 | Kindle Fire, Cell Phones, Gaming Systems, IPad, Toddler Leap Pads,  |  |