

Social Recreation Camp Non-Medical Therapies

Training Information



North Los Angeles County Regional Center
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**Overview:
Understanding
Amended
California Law
for Social
Recreation,
Camp, & Non-
Medical Therapy
Services**

Reference:

[Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4688.22](#)

The Legislature places a high priority on promoting the full inclusion and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities, through opportunities for recreation.

Social recreation services, camping services, and non-medical therapies are services and supports that are available to individuals, not only for socialization, but to lead the lives that they want in the community.

The regional centers shall use the following principles when purchasing social recreation services, camping services, and nonmedical therapies:

Receive services and supports in settings where individuals without disabilities also participate.

Promote community inclusion and build social relationships through shared interests/activities.

Support independence and participation in social activities without paid support.

Develop interests, skills, and social networks to reduce isolation, be connected to the community, and enhance well-being.

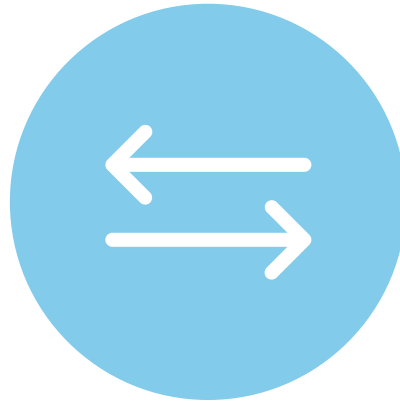
Develop Purchase of Service policies and procedures to decrease barriers. Ensure accessibility for children, underserved individuals, and those unable to afford upfront costs.

Regional Centers shall increase the availability of vendors and enable services to be funded through Participant-Directed Services.

Effective July 1, 2023, a regional center shall not require an individual or family member to do any of the following to access social recreation, camp, or non-medical therapy services:



CANNOT REQUIRE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO BE EXHAUSTED OR USED FIRST.

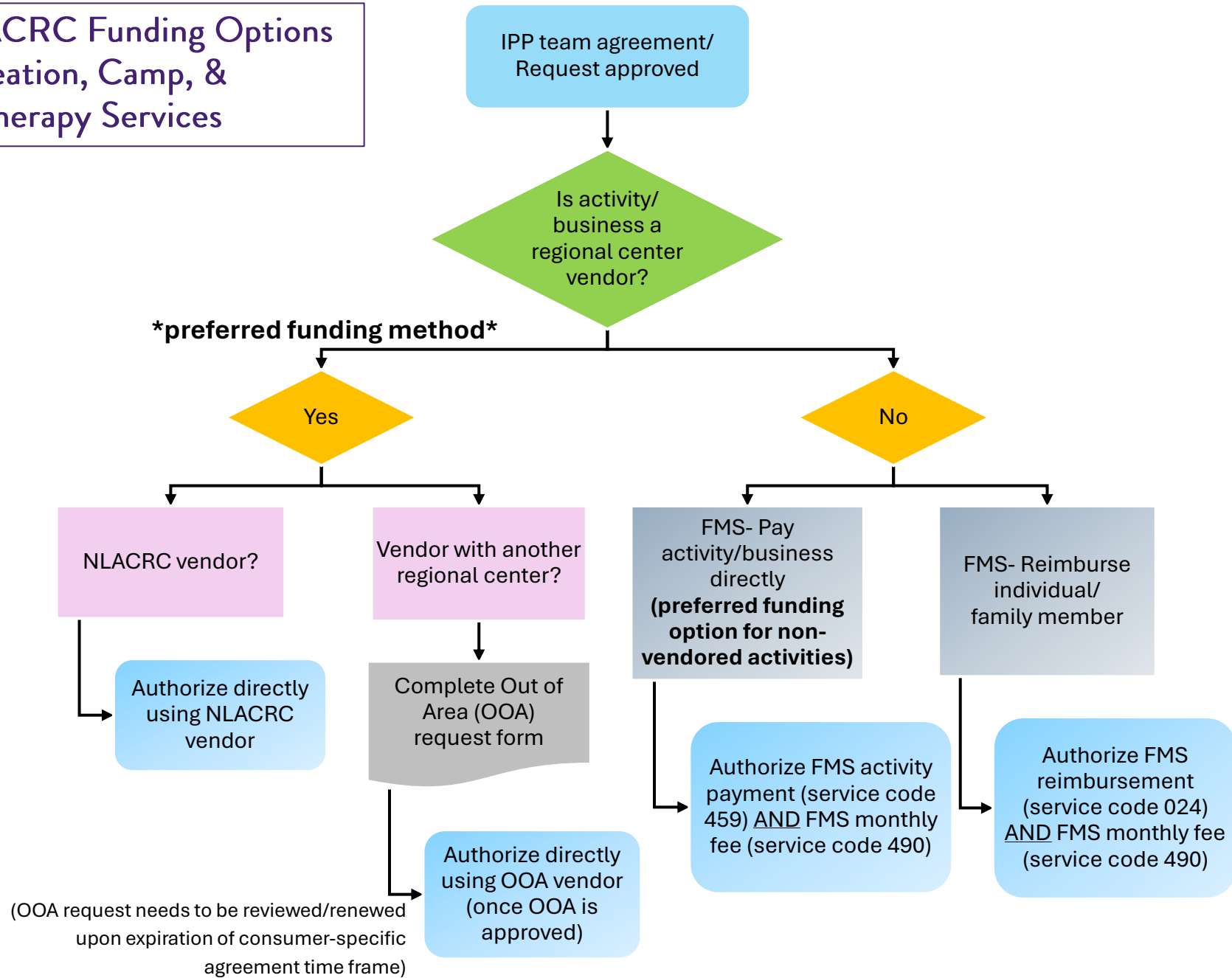


NO SERVICE EXCHANGE REQUIRED (EX. RESPITE HOURS FOR RECREATION HOURS).



NO COPAYMENT TO OFFSET COSTS.

Overview: NLACRC Funding Options for Social Recreation, Camp, & Non-Medical Therapy Services



Roles and Responsibilities

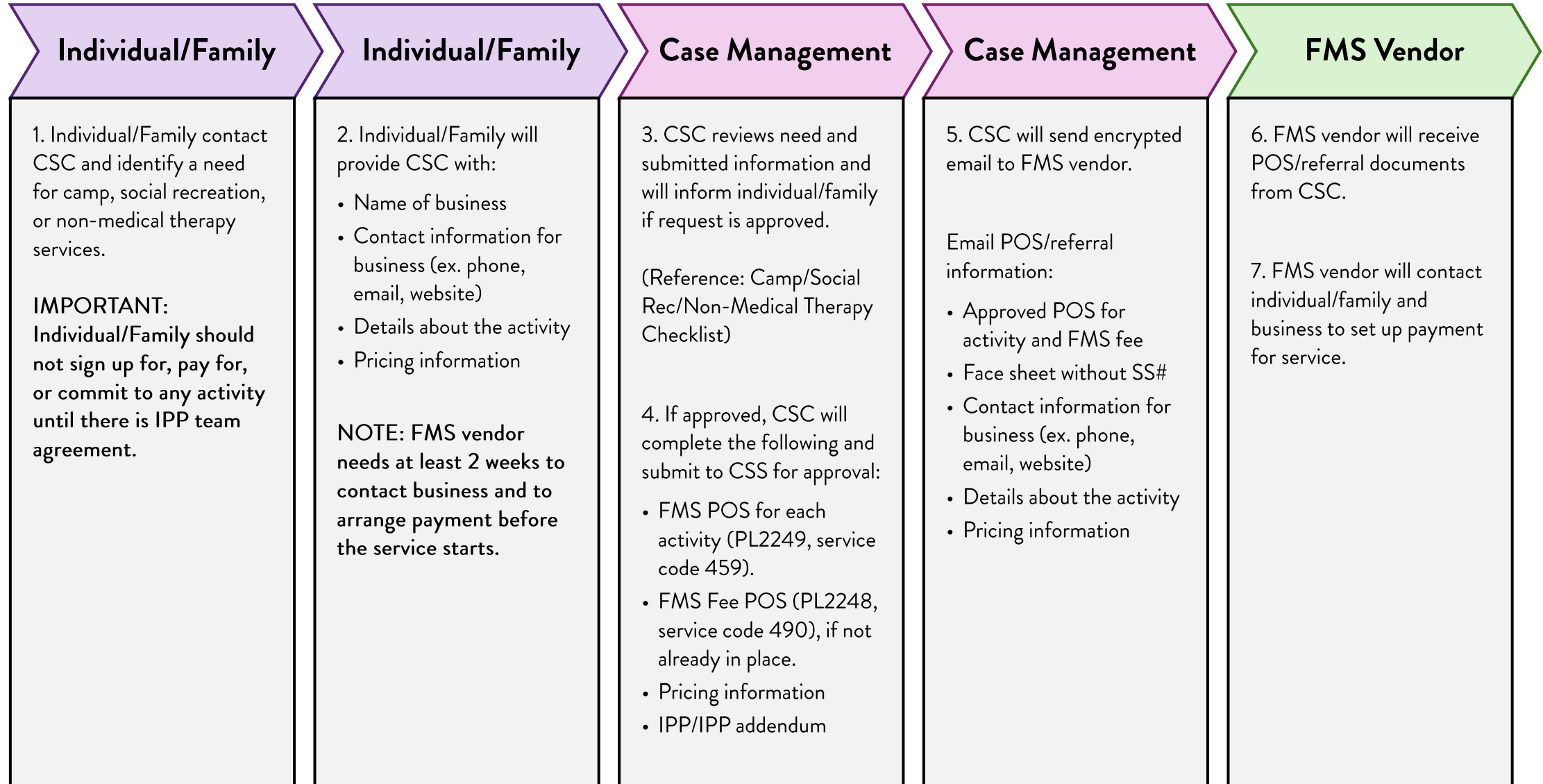
Individual/Family, Case Management, FMS Vendor FMS Direct Payment

This process explains how NLACRC uses a Financial Management Service (FMS) vendor to pay for camps, social recreation activities, and non-medical therapies identified in the IPP (Individual Program Plan). If a business is not a regional center vendor, the FMS vendor will pay the business directly and the individual/family member does not need to pay out of pocket.

****This is the preferred method of funding for non-vendored activities.****

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FMS Direct Payment



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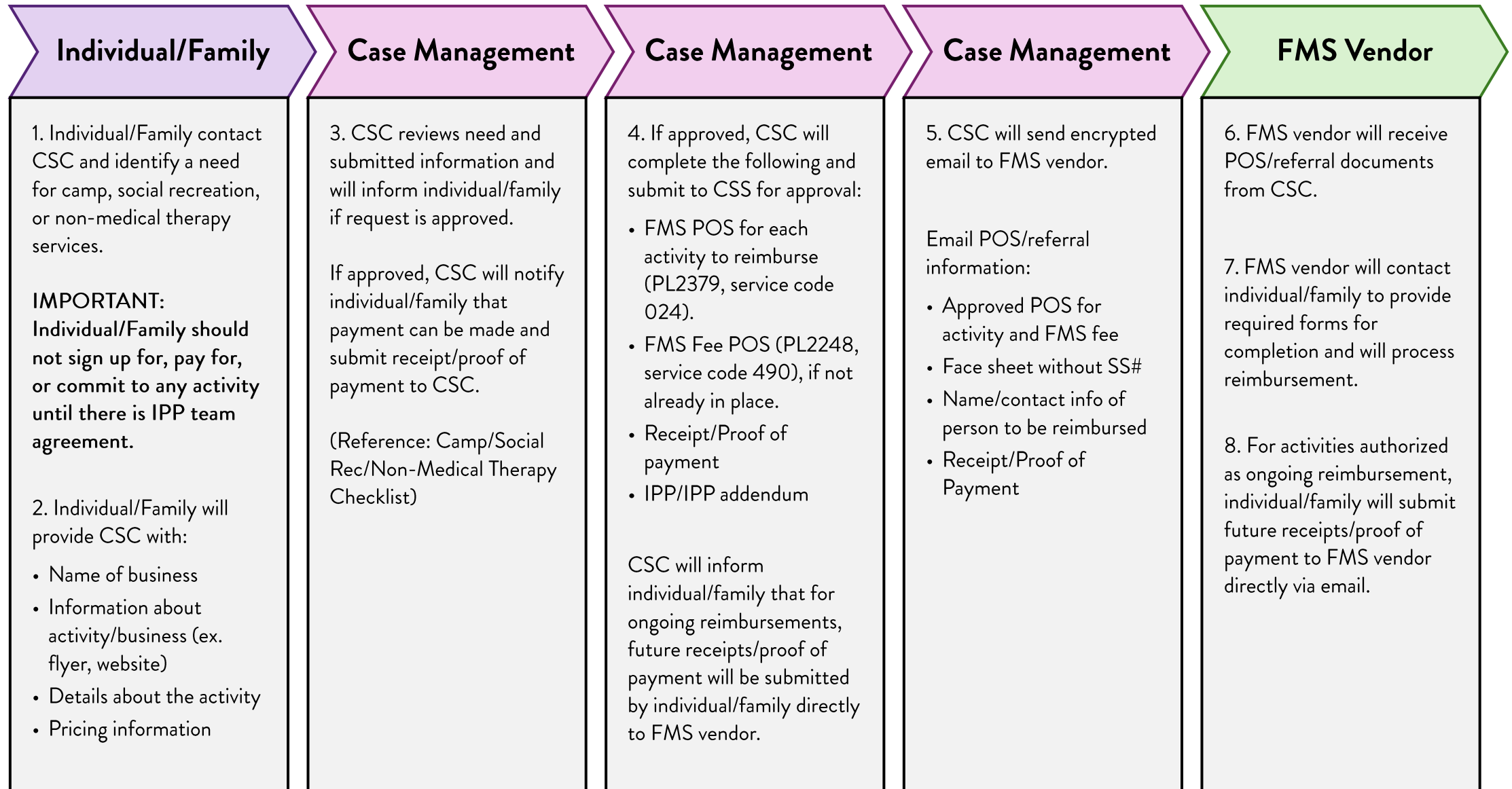
FMS Reimbursement

This process explains how NLACRC uses a Financial Management Service (FMS) vendor to reimburse an individual/family member for camps, social recreation activities, and non-medical therapies identified in the IPP (Individual Program Plan). The individual/family member will pay for the activity first and submit proof of payment to NLACRC. Then, the FMS vendor will issue a payment to the individual or family member to reimburse what was paid. FMS reimbursement should be considered when the activity/business does not accept FMS direct payments or if there are circumstances where the individual/family identifies that FMS direct payment cannot be utilized.

The individual/family member to be reimbursed must be eligible to receive reimbursement funds (social security number or other taxpayer identification number, certified through completion of IRS Form W-9).

Roles and Responsibilities- Individual/Family, Case Management, FMS Vendor

FMS Reimbursement



**Roles and Responsibilities:
Individual/Family & NLACRC
(Case Management, Community Services, Accounting)
Purchase Reimbursement processed through NLACRC**

This process explains how NLACRC funded purchase reimbursement requests prior to March 1, 2025.

NLACRC utilized the vendorization process to vendor an individual or family member in order to receive reimbursement for the purchase of camps, social recreation activities, and non-medical therapies identified in the IPP (Individual Program Plan). The individual/family member would pay for the activity first and submit proof of payment to NLACRC. The individual/family member would complete documentation to become a vendor for purchase reimbursement. Then, NLACRC issued a payment to the individual or family member to reimburse what was paid.

Effective March 1, 2025, new and renewing reimbursements will be processed utilizing FMS.

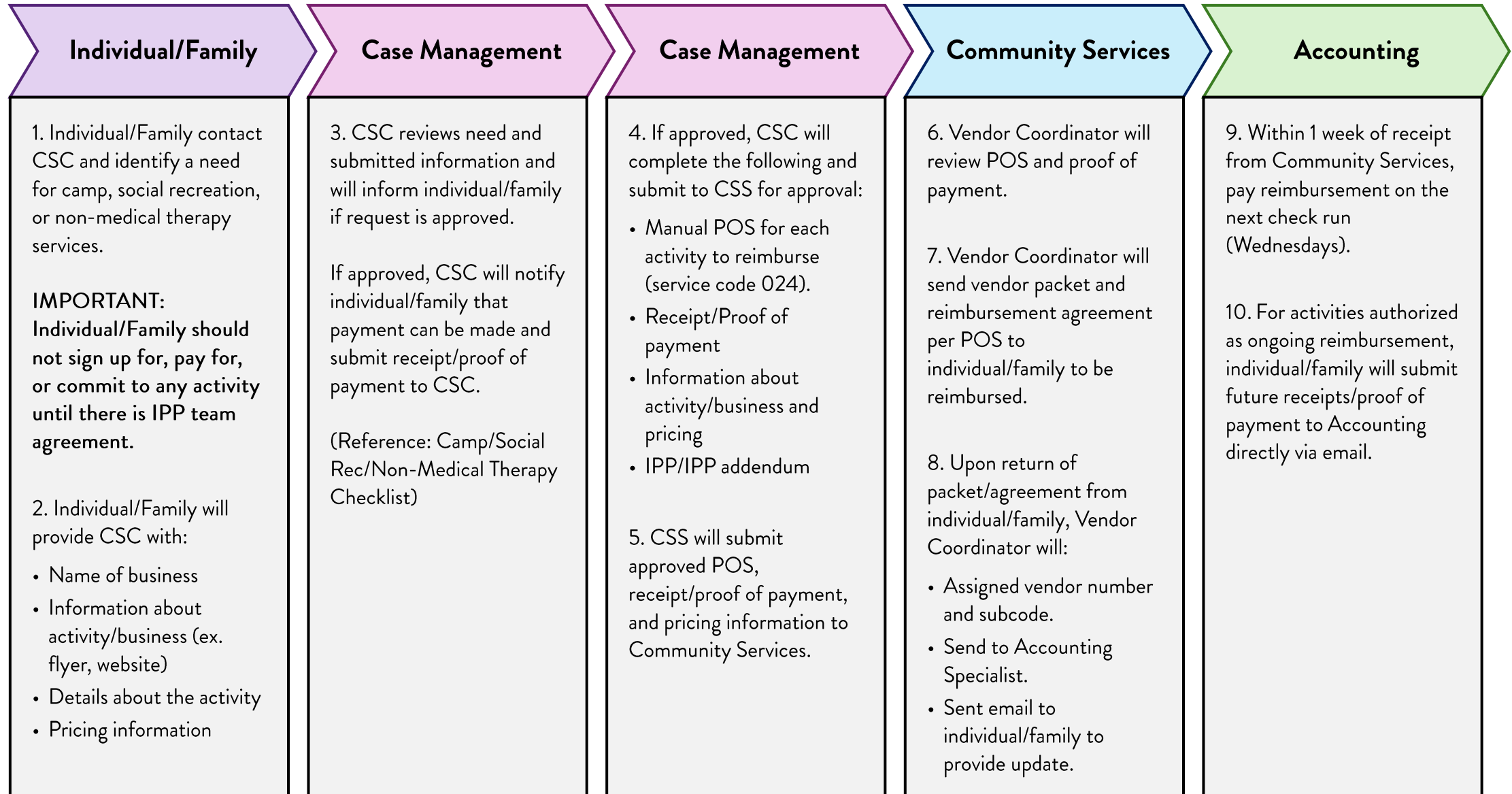
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Reference: Camp/Social Rec/Non-Medical Therapy Checklist

Purpose: *The IPP planning team will utilize this checklist for guidance to assist with IPP planning discussion when reviewing requests for social recreation services, camping services, and nonmedical therapies, to promote the full inclusion and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities through opportunities for recreation, socialization, and community involvement. (Reference: [WIC §4688.22](#))*

Individual/Family contacts CSC regarding need for recreation, socialization, or community involvement:

Is the request for a camping service, social recreation activity, or non-medical therapy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the individual/family provide CSC with information on the camping service, social recreation activity, or non-medical therapy (ex. website, handout, flyer)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the service being provided by a business or licensed program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this an individual/1:1 activity (individual with an instructor only) or group activity with peers?	
Will participation in the camping service, social recreation activity, or non-medical therapy provide the individual with an opportunity for recreation, socialization, or social participation in their community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If request is for 2 or more activities, review weekly schedule to ensure no overlap of services/supports.	

If answer is YES to all questions, move forward with funding process.

Weekly Schedule (optional)

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