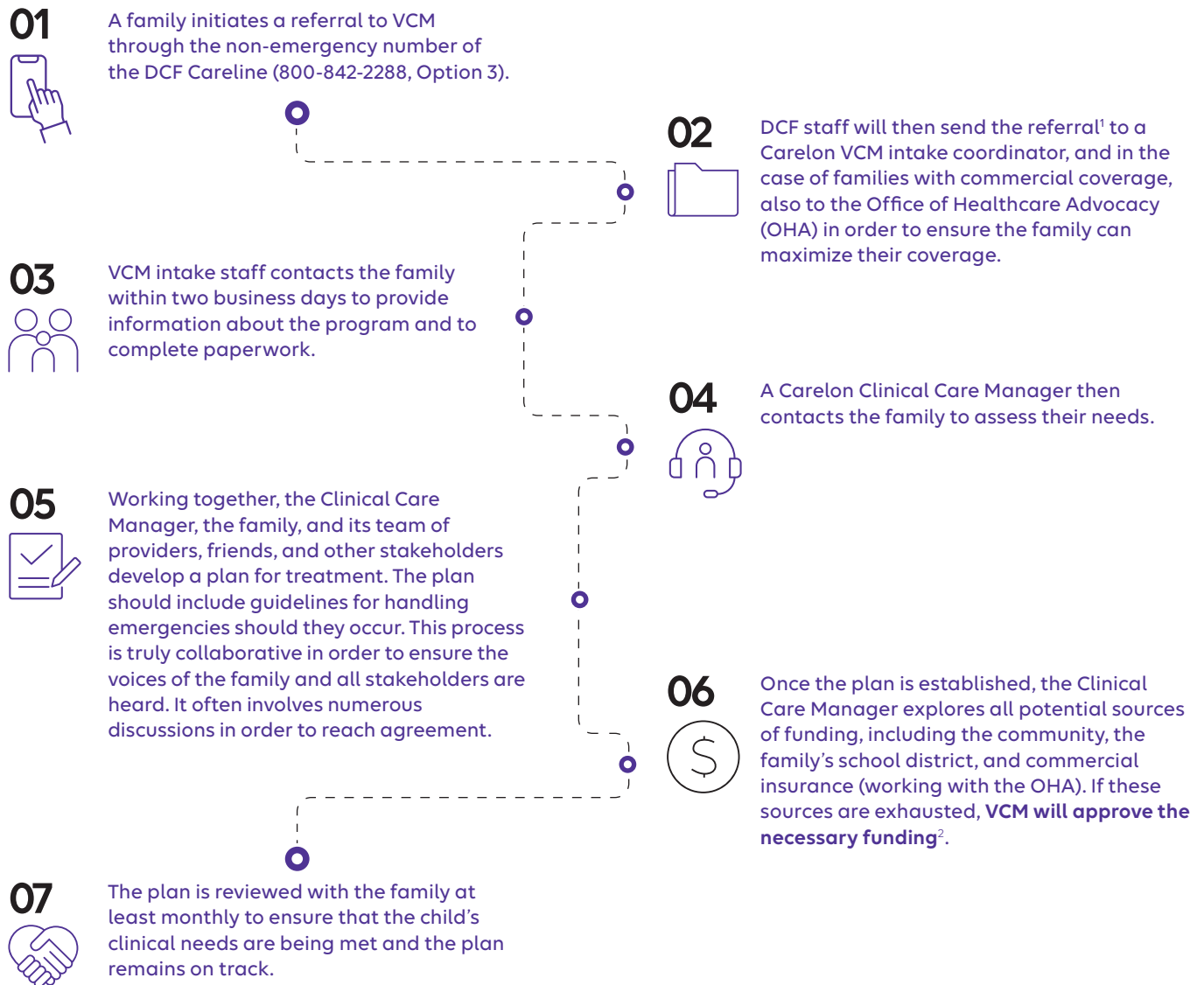


Voluntary Care Management (VCM)

Families with children under age 18 with a primary diagnosis of a mental health or substance use disorder generally come to the Voluntary Care Management program to access clinical services and care. The goal of the Voluntary Care Management program is to facilitate and develop a plan of care that reflects the most appropriate clinical service level of care and addresses systemic and/or financial barriers to accessing needed behavioral health services. Here is how it works:



¹ Please note: families are not eligible for VCM in the following situations:

- The family has an active DCF investigation or on-going services involvement;
- The child or youth is the subject of a pending delinquency petition; has been adjudicated delinquent and is awaiting disposition, on probation, committed to the department, or on parole; or is currently involved with the adult criminal justice system due to arrest, conviction, probation or parole;
- The child has a Department of Developmental Services (DDS) case manager, a current Individual plan through DDS and has services implemented as defined in the plan;
- Out of home placement of the child or youth was made prior to the request for the Voluntary Care Management program; and/or
- The primary reason for referral is not related to a behavioral health diagnosis;
- The family refuses to engage in the program and/or participate in their child's treatment.

² The only two BH services VCM does not fund are Applied Behavior Analysis services and inpatient hospitalization.