

SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN

WHO WE ARE

Since 1937, we've been helping families of children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Today, thousands of families throughout Illinois receive some form of help from the University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children each year. Services are coordinated by a network of professional staff, working out of regional offices across the state. We consistently draw on the relationships and knowledge we've built over the decades.



Care Coordination Teams

Staff work in care coordination teams throughout the state to help families in their community. Teams are formed based on each family's needs and may include:

- » Nurses
- » Social Workers
- » Audiologists
- » Speech-Language Pathologists

Physicians/Providers

It can be hard to find a provider who's an expert in specific health issues, who also has openings, is close to home, and works within a family's insurance coverage.

We've spent more than 75 years building relationships with the best doctors and providers for children with special needs. Not only do we fully understand the different conditions that require specialized care, we've worked first-hand with an impressive pool of specialists in and around Illinois.

Visit our website to learn more:

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Core Program Facts

The University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children provides care coordination for families of children with special health care needs. Services are coordinated by a network of professional staff located in regional offices throughout the state. Every year thousands of families in the State of Illinois receive services from Specialized Care for Children.

Specialized Care for Children's mission is to promote and coordinate family-centered, community-based, culturally competent care for eligible children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Eligibility

To be eligible for care coordination, children must be under 21 years of age, must meet residency criteria, and must have, or be suspected of having a chronic medical condition which is amenable to treatment and falls within one of the following categories:

- Cardiac Impairments
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Eye Impairments
(Cataract, Glaucoma, Strabismus)
- External Body Impairments
(Cleft Lip and Palate, Craniofacial Anomalies)
- Hearing Impairments
- Hemophilia
- Inborn Errors of Metabolism
(Phenylketonuria [PKU])
- Nervous System Impairments
(Seizures, Nerve, Brain, Spinal Cord)
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Speech Impairments
(Dysarthria, Vocal Cord Paralysis)
- Urinary System Impairments

To be eligible for help with the cost of medical care, the family must also meet our income guidelines.

Services

Our care coordination services are individually tailored to meet each family's need which may include accessing free diagnostic tests, finding specialized medical care, using insurance or All Kids/Medicaid, finding resources and information, developing a care coordination plan, communicating with doctors, specialists and schools, and preparing for transition.

Specialized Care for Children may pay for certain specialty medical expenses if the family qualifies for financial assistance.

Referral of Children

Anyone may refer a child to Specialized Care for Children. Referrals received from sources other than the child's legal guardian require permission from the guardian before the referral can be acted upon.

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How We Help

The University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children offers free care coordination for families of children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Care Coordinators tailor services to each family's needs. Our support may include:



- » assistance accessing free diagnostic testing;
- » finding specialized medical care;
- » help utilizing insurance;
- » finding resources and information;
- » developing a plan of care;
- » communicating with doctors, specialists, and schools; and
- » preparing for transition.

Free care coordination is available if your child has, or is suspected of having, a treatable chronic condition in one of the following categories:

- » Cardiac Impairments
- » Cystic Fibrosis
- » Eye Impairments (Cataract, Glaucoma, Strabismus)
- » External Body Impairments (Cleft Lip and Palate, Craniofacial Anomalies)
- » Hearing Impairments
- » Hemophilia
- » Inborn Errors of Metabolism (Phenylketonuria [PKU])
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You may also qualify for financial assistance for the health care needs of your child.

Call us at (800) 322-3722 to see if we can help.

We work as quickly as we can to determine if and how we can help.

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