



DSCC FACTS

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent Children

This program is a part of the Medicaid program and is funded by the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA). It is intended to help families care for children who are medically fragile and technology dependent who require skilled shift nursing care in their own home rather than in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. Under an agreement between IDPA and the University of Illinois, the University's Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) assists families applying for the program and, if the application is approved by IDPA, helps families find and maintain the services approved.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Age**
 - The child must be less than 21 years of age.
- **Residency**
 - The child must live in Illinois.
- **Other**
 - The child must have a medical condition or disability so severe that, without the help of this program, the child would need to be in a hospital or skilled nursing facility; and
 - It must be possible to care for the child in the home safely at a total cost to the State which is less than it would cost if the child were in a hospital or skilled nursing facility.
 - The family or guardian must be able/willing to provide direct care to the child to the fullest extent possible while receiving additional supports from the Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver.

Benefits

All benefits of the Medicaid Program, including nursing care, plus:

- **Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies**
 - Specialized medical equipment and supplies as prescribed by the child's doctor and approved by IDPA;
- **Home Modifications**
 - Minor changes as needed to provide access, accommodate needed medical equipment or to assure the child's safety in the home, when approved in advance by IDPA;
- **Respite Care**
 - Periods of skilled shift nursing care provided to relieve the family of total care, when approved in advance by IDPA.
- **Medical Daycare**
 - An approved facility providing skilled nursing care as an alternative to in-home nursing.



- **Training**

- Training for nurses on special/unique medical needs of the child and/or special equipment.
- Training of family members on special/unique medical needs of the child and/or special equipment.

Application Procedure

With the help of an assigned DSCC care coordinator, the family must submit an application to IDPA and DHS. This application will contain a detailed description of the child's medical condition and needs as described by the child's doctor. It will also specify the preparation needed to move and maintain the child in the home, and the cost to the State providing these services. The DSCC care coordinator develops this application with the family using reports, recommendations, prescriptions and cost quotations received from doctors, nursing agencies, equipment providers, and contractors. The process may require reconsideration of original medical recommendations if the total cost of the plan is more than the cost to the State of skilled nursing facility or hospital care. Although the application can usually be completed and submitted within a few weeks, it may take much longer if the child's needs change, are unusually complex or if needed medical recommendations, prescriptions and cost quotations are not provided in a timely manner.

After an application has been completed, it is reviewed with the family and then submitted to IDPA. IDPA will either approve or deny the plan as submitted. If the plan is denied, IDPA will tell the family and DSCC the reason. The family can then either appeal IDPA's decision or work with DSCC and their child's doctor to develop a plan which corrects the reason for the denial.

If the plan is approved, the DSCC care coordinator will work with the family to arrange for any needed home preparation, delivery of equipment and supplies, and coordination with the nursing agency chosen by the family. The care coordinator will contact the family at regular intervals to ensure the plan is working and to discuss with the family any changing needs and their satisfaction with services. Subsequently, the care coordinator will update the plan and submit it to IDPA for continuation of approval.

For More Information About the Program, Please Contact the Nearest DSCC Regional Office Listed Below:

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