

DSCC AT A GLANCE

Any Illinois child from **birth to age 21** may qualify for **no-cost diagnostic services**. DSCC can help families arrange, find funding, maximize third party payments and pay for their child's medical treatment when financial criteria are met. **Financial eligibility is not required for care coordination services.** A child must have, or be suspected of having, a treatable chronic condition in one of the following categories to be medically eligible for services:



- **Orthopedic conditions (bone muscle, joint disease)**
- **Heart defects**
- **Hearing loss**
- **Neurological conditions (nerve, brain, spinal cord)**
- **Certain birth defects**
- **Disfiguring defects such as cleft lip, cleft palate, and severe burn scars**
- **Speech conditions which need medical/dental treatment**
- **Hemophilia, and cystic fibrosis**
- **Certain inborn metabolic conditions, including phenylketonuria (PKU) and galactosemia**
- **Eye impairments including cataract, glaucoma, strabismus and certain retinal conditions excluding isolated refractive errors**
- **Urinary system impairments (kidney, ureter, bladder)**

DSCC assists with specialized medical care and services. DSCC cannot provide help for acute childhood illnesses, routine dental or well-child care, immunizations or school physical examinations. **To refer a child or youth, please contact your local DSCC office.**

CARE COORDINATION AT A GLANCE

DSCC provides **care coordination** services to any family whose child has a medically eligible condition, regardless of income. One goal of DSCC care coordination is to strengthen the partnership between families, primary care physicians (PCPs) and specialists. The DSCC Care Coordinator can assist with these services:



- **Resource finding and referral**
- **Coordinating care and sharing information with the team of providers**
- **Transition services from early childhood to age 21**
- **Parent to parent support**
- **Information provision**
- **Advocacy**
- **Benefits management; locating and using other payment sources**
- **Developing and implementing a plan to meet child and family needs**

The DSCC office that serves your community is staffed by a team of nurses, medical social workers and speech pathologists or audiologists. The DSCC program offers beneficial services not only to children and families, but to primary care providers and special-

ists as well. DSCC maintains a wealth of information that you may find helpful to know about and pass on to other families.

The Academy of Pediatrics endorses **Medical Home** as a concept that promotes the provision of coordinated health care services for children with special health care needs. DSCC shares this philosophy and includes the primary care provider (PCP) in care coordination activities. DSCC can reimburse approved PCPs for services that involve the management and development of care plans for children with special health care needs.

