

Children With Special Health Needs

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

- According to the 2003 State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey, the number of Maine children <18 years old with a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who have also used health or related services beyond those required by children generally, is estimated to be 15.5% or 46,807.

- According to Child Health USA 2000, children who were limited in their activities had three times as many physician contacts as children without a chronic condition; and children with a chronic condition spend about 6 times as many days in the hospital as children without a chronic condition.



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Mission:

- Improve the health and well being of children and youth with special health needs;
- Collaborate with parents as partners regarding their child's individual health needs;
- Develop community-based systems of care for children and youth that provide them the best possible opportunity to grow and develop into adulthood.

Program Activities:

- The Children with Special Health Needs (CSHN) Program pays for medical care provided by specialists and offers assistance with care coordination for infants, children and adolescents with special health needs. Eligible conditions include:
 - Asthma and other respiratory disorders
 - Blood disorders
 - Cardiac disorders
 - Childhood cancer
 - Chronic ear infections
 - Cleft Lip and /or Cleft Palate
 - Other craniofacial anomalies
 - Cystic Fibrosis
 - Developmental delays
 - Diabetes and other endocrine disorders
 - Gastrointestinal disorders
 - Juvenile Arthritis
 - Orthopedic disorders
 - PKU and other Inborn Errors of Metabolism
 - Seizure disorders
 - Spina Bifida
 - Vision disorders

- Administers the Portland Cleft Palate Clinic at Maine Medical Center.

- Special Projects include: the Healthy and Ready to Work National Center, Traumatic Brain Injury, Birth Defects Surveillance, and Integrated Community-based systems of services.

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