

District of Columbia

Health Services for Children with Special Needs Community Health Center

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age.

RESIDENCY:

A citizen of the U.S. who resides in the District of Columbia.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Children with developmental or physical disabilities, or who are at risk for disabilities are accepted for services.

Eligible Conditions:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Autism
Cerebral Palsy
Chronic Otitis Media with Resultant Hearing Impairment
Developmental Delay and those at risk (0-6)
Hearing Deficits/Deafness
Infants born Prematurely

Eligible Conditions: (continued)

Learning Disabilities
Mental Retardation
Neuromotor Disabilities
Nutrition/Growth and Developmental Impairments
Orthopedic Problems/Scoliosis
Visual Problems/Blindness

Excluded Conditions:

Acute or recurrent conditions encompassing the area of routine medical care.
Mental health diagnosis, unrelated to a medically eligible condition.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

General Financial Eligibility:

There are no financial eligibility criteria for services. Medicaid, private insurance, and self-payment are in effect. To obtain services without charge, children must (1) have no public or private health coverage and (2) have a family income below 275% of the non-farm poverty levels for the current year.

Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:

See above or contact the Program directly for more details.

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

See above or contact the Program directly for more details.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SERVICES:

In an outpatient clinic setting. They include: audiology and speech pathology, ophthalmologic examination and treatment provided by children's ophthalmologic specialist and nurse, orthopedic diagnostic and treatment for some conditions, physical and occupational therapy provided individually or in a group setting, psychological evaluation and counseling, child development assessment, comprehensive developmental evaluation and nutrition services, social services, and nursing services.

Excluded Services:

Not specifically addressed. Contact Program directly for more information.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided by a multidisciplinary team in a community health clinic, located on the grounds of the D.C. General Hospital.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

HSCSN offers workshops in collaboration with the Georgetown University Affiliated Program in cultural competency and service coordination to primary health care providers and allied health staff, workshops for families of children with special needs regarding various aspects of care, provides support to the Clinic's Community Advisory Council, does outreach hearing and speech screenings to public schools and daycare services, provides occupational/physical therapy services to infants and children transported in from early intervention programs, offers nutritional/feeding consultation to early intervention programs, and provides hearing aids to children with hearing impairments.

Out-of-State Services:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

DC office of Early Intervention Program to provide Child Find, assessment, and early intervention services to children birth to three years of age.

Coordination of Services:

Case management of diagnostic process.

Liaison with agencies and services to assist in diagnostic process as well as implement recommendations resulting from the diagnostic-evaluation process.

Periodic review to determine completion of implementation of recommendations and current needs.

Assistance in obtaining appropriate equipment/prostheses.

Parent support meetings and networking with other support and parent education groups.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

Staff participation in community workshops and health fairs.

Staff participation in state advisory and policy making boards concerned with services to children with special needs.

Development of curricula on family-centered and culturally competent service delivery for presentation to health care providers.

Submission of articles on health care issues of children with special needs to community newspapers.

Submission of annual report as Title V agency to Health and Human Services regarding accomplishments.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

Title V Social Security Act as amended by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989, Public Law 101-239.