Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)

Helps Families Care for Medically Complex Children

DSCC operates the Home Care Program on behalf of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to serve families who care for children who require skilled in-home nursing. Many eligible youth are also medically fragile and dependent on technology for their well-being.

Technology dependence examples:

- Tracheostomy
- BIPAP/CPAP
- Complex tube feeding
- TPN dependence/daily infusion therapy
- Oxygen therapy
- Peritoneal dialysis
- Ventilator

We need your help to identify eligible children and obtain support documentation!

Home Care Application Process

- Referral: (800) 322-3722
- Application: dscc.uic.edu
- Physician letter of medical necessity stating: medical care needs, diagnosis and need for in-home shift nursing
- Medical reports of care needs
- Home safety evaluation
- Nursing agency and equipment provider identification
- HFS review