

# Home Care Program



**SPECIALIZED CARE  
FOR CHILDREN**



## We're Here to Help

The Home Care Program partners with families to help care for children that need shift nursing care at home. The program helps these children live at home with community supports.

The University of Illinois at Chicago's Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) operates the program on behalf of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). DSCC Care Coordinators connect with families to create a plan that is person-centered. This plan focuses on the family and the child's strengths, needs, dreams and desires. In other words, your Care Coordinator focuses on what's important to you.



*"(Our DSCC Care Coordinator) and others have gone to bat for us in dealing with the intricacies of all the bills that go along with taking care of (Abby)."*

*- Mike Burdick,  
father of Abby in the  
Home Care Program*

## Home Care Support

The Home Care Program offers care coordination and support to safely care for your child at home.

Medicaid is a form of public health insurance and may cover needs such as hospitalizations, doctor visits, therapies, medications and medical equipment and supplies ordered by your child's doctor. If you have private insurance, Medicaid is applied as a secondary payer.

For children enrolled in the Home Care Program, Medicaid may also cover the following services (if certain eligibility criteria are met). Please ask your Care Coordinator for more information.

- Family training on child's treatment and equipment needs (may include CPR if no other resources are available).
- Nurse training for your child's needs and equipment.
- Medical equipment and supplies ordered by the child's doctor that are not typically covered by Medicaid.
- Minor home and vehicle modifications.
- Extermination in the home.
- Respite nursing care in the child's home or community to give the family a break.
- Short-term, issue-specific family or individual counseling when needed to keep the child at home.

## Is My Child Eligible?

Home Care supports are available for children and young adults in the Home and Community-Based Waiver or the traditional Medicaid program, depending on the child's needs.

A process is set up to determine each child's need for in-home support. We work closely with hospitals, pediatricians, specialists and government agencies to provide information that decides eligibility.

## How We Help

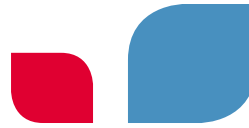
If HFS approves your application, your Care Coordinator will help you execute the plan of care, including special services you may need. Your Care Coordinator will:

- Help with home and vehicle modifications.
- Assist with equipment needs or supplies.
- Arrange other medical or home services.
- Help find a nursing agency of your choosing.

Your Care Coordinator will meet with you periodically to make sure the plan is working and meets your needs. Your child's plan will be reviewed and updated regularly.

### Application Not Approved?

We'll work with you to find the necessary resources and support.



## How To Apply

We'll help you apply and gather the information needed for HFS to determine eligibility. We'll create a detailed description of your child's medical condition(s) and needs. We'll send this information to HFS for final review.

We'll keep you informed throughout the process.

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information!**

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