

Health Insurance Education Series: Medicaid Waivers

March 11, 2025 – Medically Fragile and Technology Dependent Waiver

April 8, 2025 – Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Waivers

May 13, 2025 – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waivers



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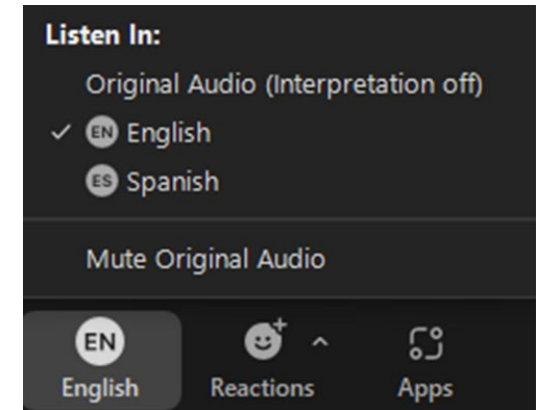
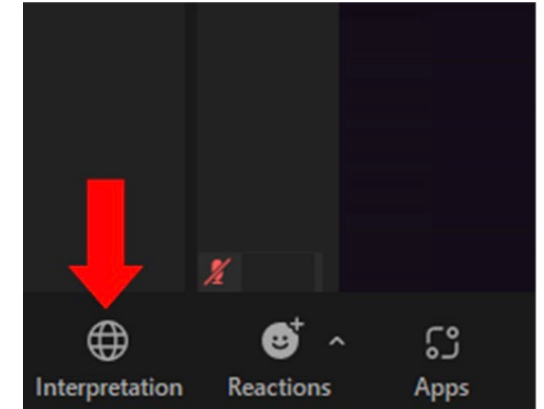
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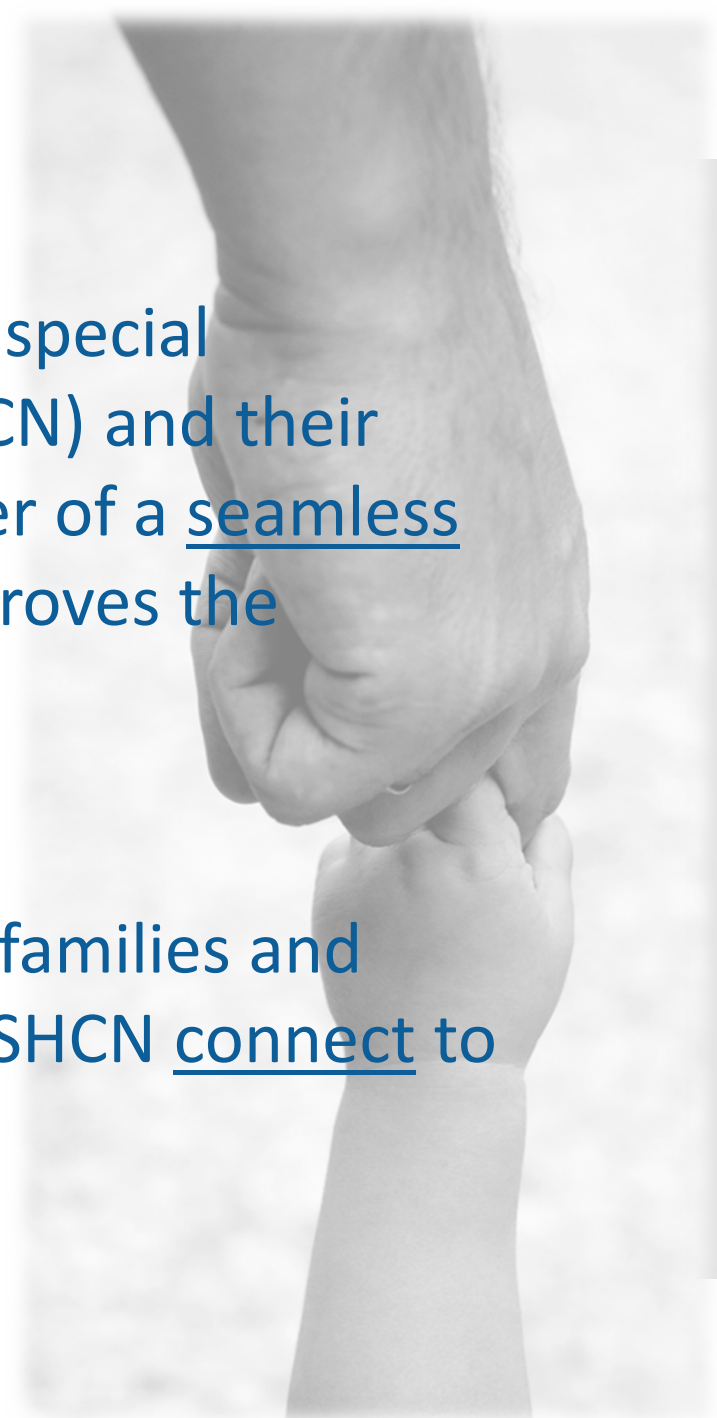
Vision

- » Children and youth with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN) and their families will be the center of a seamless support system that improves the quality of their lives.



Mission

- » We partner with Illinois families and communities to help CYSHCN connect to services and resources.



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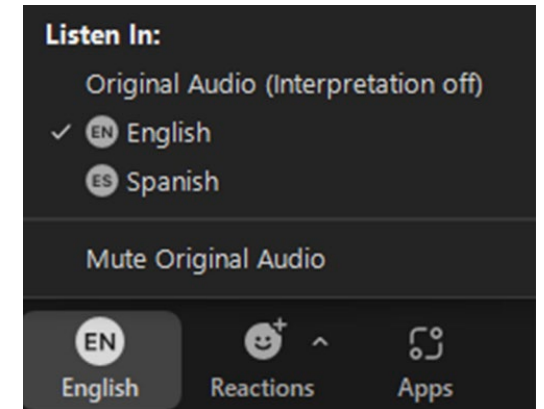
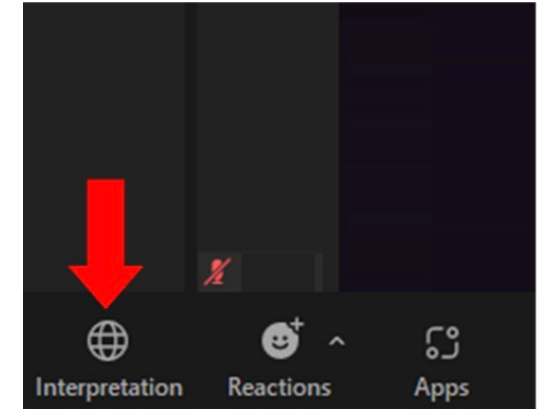
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Medically Fragile/
Technology Dependent
Waiver Program
(Home Care Program)

Home Care Program Overview

- ▶ Katie Beckett's Legacy
- ▶ Provides care coordination to children & youth who require skilled in-home nursing.
- ▶ Operated on behalf of the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services (HFS).
- ▶ 1983 – DSCC began operating the MFTD waiver
- ▶ 2014 – DSCC became the single point of entry for Illinois children in need of in-home skilled shift nursing.

Home Care Eligibility

All general requirements must be met:

- IL resident & IL address (must have a home in which nursing can be provided)
- Trained caregiver in the home
- Ages 0 - 21

Medical eligibility:

- Waiver: meet 50 points on Level of Care Tool (income waived)
- Non-Waiver: Medicaid recipient / does not need to meet 50 points on Level of Care Tool

Home Care Eligibility

- ▶ Must be technology dependent
- ▶ Must have skilled nursing care need

- ▶ Activities of daily living – important for caregiving issues, but does not count for points on Level of Care

- ▶ Even if there is no medical technology, a parent/caregiver always has the option to submit an application if they wish to.

I. TECHNOLOGY NEEDS	Points	Current	#	Freq.*	Justification
A. Ventilator Support					
Dependent (16 or more hrs/day)	50				
Intermittent (less than 16 hrs/day)	45				
B. CPAP, BIPAP, Non-Invasive Ventilation					
Via tracheotomy (non-ventilator)	45				
Via mask, pneumo-belt or sip and puff ventilator	35				
C. Tracheotomy	43				
D. Nasal Stents	20				
E. Oxygen Therapy					
Continuous, unstable (12 or more hrs/day)	35				
Intermittent - based on O2 sats (less than 12 hrs/day)	20				
Continuous, stable (6 or more continuous hrs/day)	15				
F. IV Infusion	40				
G. NG Tube					
Continuous (6 or more continuous hrs/day)	40				
Bolus	25				
H. G-Tube and/or J-Tube					
Continuous feeding with reflux (6+ continuous hrs/day)	35				
Continuous feeding (6+ continuous hrs/day)	15				
Bolus feeding with reflux	10				
Bolus feeding	5				
I. Peritoneal Dialysis	35				
SUBTOTAL TECHNOLOGY					If score for technology is 0, client is not eligible for MFTD waiver.

Level of Care – Technology Needs

Level of Care Tool – Nursing Needs

II. CARE NEEDS	Points	Current	#	Freq.*	Justification
Additional Comments: 12439					
Daily-	3				
	5				
C. Vital Signs Instability	3				
D. Special Treatments					
4 or more times per day	8				
3 times per day	6				
2 times per day	4				
Once per day	2				
E. Medication:					
Complex (7 or more routine medications)	8				
Moderate (3-6 routine medications)	4				
Simple (1-2 routine medications)	2				
F. IV/Total Parenteral Nutrition					
Continuous (16 or more continuous hrs/day)	8				
8-15 hours per day	6				
4-7 hours per day	4				
Less than 4 hours per day	2				
G. NG/GT Feeding					
Continuous (6 or more continuous hrs/day)	5				
Every 2 hours	4				
Every 3 hours	3				
Every 4 or more hours	2				
H. Aspiration Precautions with NG/GT Feeding	2				
I. Specialized I/O Monitoring	5				
	4				
K. Seizure Precautions Required	1				
L. Seizures Requiring Intervention					
Daily	3				

II. CARE NEEDS	Points	Current	#	Freq.*	Justification
Additional Comments: 12439					
Less than daily but more than once per month	2				
Less frequently than one per month	1				
M. Dressings, Sterile					
3 times per day or more	3				
Less than 3 times per day	2				
N. Hospitalization/ER Visits/Emergency Hours	5				
SUBTOTAL CARE NEEDS					If Care Needs or Technology Needs Score is 0, client is not eligible for MFTD Waiver.
SUBTOTAL TECHNOLOGY NEEDS					
TOTAL LOC SCORE					If total score is less than 50, client is not eligible for MFTD Waiver.
LOC Completed By _____					
III. HISTORY OF HOSPITAL/EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS AND EMERGENCY HOURS					
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:					

Home Care Populations: Waiver vs Non-Waiver

Medically Fragile Technology Dependent (MFTD) Waiver

- ▶ Must have both medical & technology needs.
- ▶ Must be less than 21 years of age at the time of enrollment.
- ▶ May qualify regardless of parental income.
- ▶ Participants enrolled in the waiver prior to their 21st birthday, and still receiving services on their 21st birthday, may stay with Home Care for life. Can re-apply at any time in their life if they were in the waiver on their 21st birthday.

Home Care Populations: Waiver vs Non-Waiver

Non-Waiver

- ▶ Must have an identifiable need for in-home shift nursing, although typically less dependent on technology.
- ▶ Must be less than 21 years of age.
- ▶ Must be eligible for Medicaid.

Waiver

- Child must meet 50 pts on LOC
- DOES NOT need to be Medicaid eligible
- Qualifies for 336 respite hours
- Qualifies for additional benefits (waiver services): home/vehicle modification, extermination services, nurse/family training & electrical bill credit
- May not end at age 21
- CANNOT receive services from other waiver programs; i.e. DRS Home Services Program

- Managed by HFS
- Operated by DSCC
- Monthly Contact
- Annual Renewal
- Approved Nursing Agencies

Non-Waiver

- Child DOES NOT meet 50 pts on LOC
- DOES need to be Medicaid eligible
- DOES NOT qualify for respite or additional benefits beyond Medicaid
- Ends at age 21
- CAN receive services from other waiver programs; i.e. DRS Home Services Program

Home Care Populations: Waiver vs Non-Waiver

Home Care Waiver Services

- ▶ Skilled Shift Nursing
- ▶ Care Coordination
- ▶ Environmental Modifications (ex. electrical modification, accessibility modifications, generator installation, vehicle modification, extermination)
- ▶ Respite
- ▶ Specialized Medical Supplies and Equipment
- ▶ Training of Nursing Personnel and Families

Home Care Enrollment Process

- ▶ Case assigned to Enrollment Specialist, who will call within 1-2 business days of assignment
- ▶ Items/tasks needed for application to be submitted to HFS for review:
 - ▶ Signatures from Guardian on initial application paperwork (including authorizations to release health information)
 - ▶ Home Visit/Home & Community Assessment
 - ▶ Medical records from the past year (or from birth – present for infants)
 - ▶ Letter of medical necessity written/signed by MD or APN
 - ▶ Completion of Comprehensive Assessment
 - ▶ Medicaid application for those who do not already have Medicaid in place
 - ▶ For children who are hospitalized, the following need to be in place to be able to submit: discharge date/timeline, medical stability, completion of caregiver training.

- ▶ Once application submitted to HFS, they will review and provide final decision.
- ▶ Non-Waiver applications: approval or denial will be provided
- ▶ Waiver applications: HFS will send nursing allocation to Enrollment Specialist, who will call guardian to inform, discuss next steps
- ▶ Case will be transferred to ongoing Care Coordination team, who will work with the family on a long-term basis and help to get nursing (or other waiver benefits) in place.

Applications & Referrals

➔ Call us at (800) 322-3722

- » Caregiver's name
- » Phone number
- » Child's address
- » County or zip code

➔ Visit our website: dsccl.uic.edu

- » Download PDF application
- » Fill out "Refer a Family" form

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How To Apply

Filling out an application is easy, but we're always happy to answer questions along the way!

Our staff can help you fill out an application over the phone. We can even arrange to meet you at your home or another convenient location if that helps.

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UIC Division of Specialized Care for Children
3135 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, IL 62704

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