

Accessing Diagnostic Testing

Your child's healthcare provider may perform confirmatory diagnostic testing, or they will refer to a specialist clinic. Be sure to call your insurance and ask what they need to cover the cost before going forward with testing.

About DSCC

DSCC is a statewide program that partners with Illinois families and communities to help children and youth with special healthcare needs connect to services and resources. We provide free care coordination, regardless of a family's income level.

Our care coordination can include:

- Accessing diagnostic tests
- Finding specialized medical care
- Explaining insurance coverage/benefits
- Communicating with doctors, specialists and schools
- Helping with transportation for appointments
- Connecting families for parent-to-parent support
- Preparing for the transition to adulthood

We can also help pay for eligible medical expenses, such as equipment, therapies, supplies, and medical services, when families meet our income guidelines.

For More Information

- **Baby's First Test**
www.babysfirsttest.org/
- **Illinois EHDI**
www.illinoisoundbeginnings.com/pep-materials
- **KidsHealth**
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/newborn-screening-tests.html>

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(800) 322-3722

Genetic Screening and Diagnostic Testing 101



Screening is not just for newborns.

Screening tests evaluate an individual's risk of developing a genetic condition, while diagnostic tests identify genetic conditions.

Reasons for genetic screening or diagnostic testing can include:

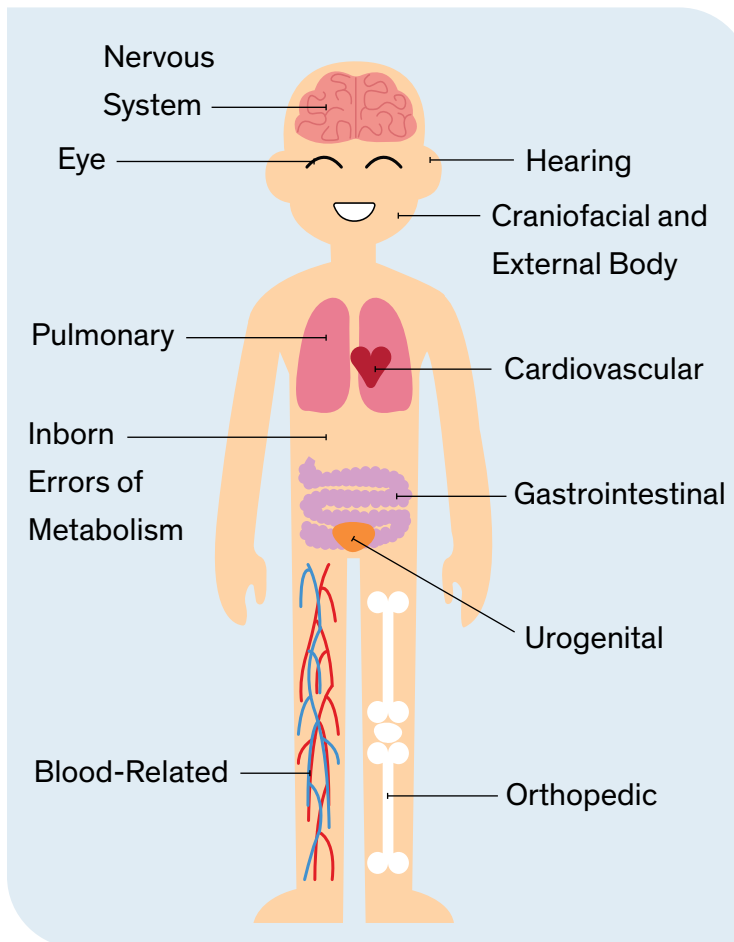
- Confirming a diagnosis if an individual shows symptoms of a condition, especially if there is a family history.
- Identifying the cause of developmental delays or intellectual disabilities.
- Guiding treatment decisions in certain cases when genetic mutations are known to influence the effectiveness of certain medications.
- Determining if an individual with a family history of a genetic disorder has inherited the gene mutation.

For more information on understanding genetics and family history, visit www.babysfirsttest.org/newborn-screening/screening-community.

How DSCC Can Help

The Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) can support diagnostic evaluation services for children up to age 21 suspected of having a DSCC medically eligible condition.

DSCC eligible conditions include, but are not limited to:



To determine if the child or youth has a suspected DSCC-eligible condition, families can call DSCC at (800) 322-3722 to speak with an Enrollment Specialist.

Families must then fill out a program application to receive DSCC services.

Families may receive diagnostic services for their child after DSCC receives their application. DSCC will pay for diagnostic services regardless of the family's income. Since DSCC is the payer of last resort, families must first use and maximize all available public or private insurance benefits.

DSCC may also pay for diagnostic services that a child received before their family applied to DSCC. Please discuss these details with a DSCC Enrollment Specialist.

Additional program eligibility criteria for diagnostic coverage include:

- Age under 21
- Permanent resident of Illinois
- Not enrolled or required to enroll in an Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)-managed care plan

We also serve families who care for children and youth who require in-home shift nursing through the Home Care Program.