Announcing CSHCS

Family Fun & Information Night

Please join us for this Special Event!

Resources that assist with your child’s everyday needs
Gas Cards for all CSHCS Families*
*who attend & while supplies last

Tuesday, June 25th 2019
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Macomb Intermediate School District
Room 100B
44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Please RSVP by June 21st at (586) 466-6855 or
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Some Vendors Include:

- Disability Network
- Epilepsy Foundation
- Special Olympics
- The Creative Mobility Group
- MyCare Health Center
- Arc of Macomb County
- Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation
- United Healthcare
- McLaren Health
- Michigan Alliance for Families
- Family Center

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Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM) Update

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently approved the coverage of a continuous glucose monitor (CGM) for clients with Type I Diabetes. There are certain requirements that must be met to qualify. For example, you must be under the care of an endocrinologist, administering insulin injections at least 3 times a day, or using an insulin pump which is not controlling blood sugar levels (having episodes of ketoacidosis or hypoglycemia).

Prior Authorization (PA) is required, which means the endocrinologist needs to write a prescription and include a description of why the CGM is needed, how often blood sugars need to be tested, and include documented medical necessity for this type of equipment. The information is submitted to the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) company, who completes and submits the PA forms. For detailed information and requirements please see the MDHHS bulletin MSA 19-04 issued on March 1, 2019. Also, speak with your endocrinologist if this is something you think you qualify for.


Additional Diabetic Test Strips

Some clients require more frequent blood sugar checks, as a result, the prescribed number of test strips are insufficient. To receive additional test strips the following documentation is needed:

- Prescription for additional test strips from the endocrinologist listed on clients CSHCS Approved Provider List
- A letter of medical necessity stating why additional test strips are needed from the endocrinologist

Documentation is sent to the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) company, who then completes a Prior Authorization (PA) form and sends it along with the supporting documentation to Medicaid Prior Authorization.
LANSING, Mich. – Children with special needs will have better access to their homes and communities through the purchase of ceiling and stair lifts thanks to a Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation grant.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Children with Special Needs Fund is receiving the $50,000 grant and will be awarding funds twice this year. Applications received by May 23, 2019, will be reviewed in June, and applications received by Aug. 22, 2019, will be reviewed in September.

Besides ceiling and stair lifts, the Children with Special Needs Fund also assists with partial or full payment for items such as wheelchair ramps, vehicle accessibility devices, transit options, therapeutic tricycles, air conditioners for certain medical conditions, weighted blankets or vests, and adaptive recreational equipment. Applications for these items are reviewed year-round.

Anyone who wants to find out if a child is eligible for assistance or donate to the fund can visit www.michigan.gov/csnfund or contact Macomb County Health Department’s CSHCS worker. Apply for funds by clicking the “Application” button on the left side of the website homepage.

Resource Review

How to get a Client Medical Care Binder

A brand new resource will soon be available for all Macomb County CSHCS families: Client Medical Binders. It allows our families the opportunity to have one place to put and organize everything related to their child’s health. It includes sections for medical contacts, medication lists, insurance information, medical history, emergency preparedness, and more. The medical binders will be offered at the CSHCS Family Fun and Information Night on June 25, 2019. They will be available to current CSHCS families on a first come, first serve basis as initial supplies will be limited (limit one per family). If you are interested in getting a medical binder for your child but you are unable to attend, contact us at 586-466-6855 so we can put one aside for you!
Meet Our Newest Staff

Niebel Ayesh joined our CSHCS team on September 17, 2018. She came to us from Royal Oak Beaumont Children’s Hospital with a specialty in pediatric nursing. “I am excited to join the CSHCS Program and utilize my background in assisting our clients and families.” Niebel will be servicing our clients ages 5-8.

Lauren Zigo joined our CSHCS team on May 7, 2019. She comes to us from McLaren Hospital, worked the cardiac telemetry unit and is rehab certified. “I am happy to join the CSHCS Program and begin talking with our clients and families.” Lauren will be servicing our clients from age 13-16.

Happy Retirement Judy!

Judy Beyerlein has been with the Macomb County Health Department for 19 years. She worked in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program for 11 years, then became a field nurse for 2 years, and has been a staff member for CSHCS for 6 years. “It has been a blessing to be part of this program taking care of its youngest members.” Judy has been servicing our clients age 0-5. She will be retiring on Friday June 28th and will be greatly missed by our families and staff.
Transition Meeting A Success!

Our transition meeting on Monday February 25th was a great success! There were approximately 28 people present to learn more about the transition process for 17 year olds that will become legal adults at age 18 and for 20 year olds that will be transitioning out of the CSHCS Program by age 21. Information was shared regarding:

- Communication and insurance changes that happen at age 18: Release of Information, Guardianship, Power of Attorney
- CSHCS & community supportive services that are available
- Future living and school arrangements
- The importance of a transition plan of care
- Things that CSHCS can improve on to assist families and clients services

The transition meeting will be offered every 6 months and letters will go out inviting clients and families that fall into these age groups. Save the date. Our next class will be offered on Monday, August 12, 2019.

If you are 14-20 years old and have not had a transition plan of care (POC) completed for this year, please contact us to schedule an appointment.

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**Every client and family is unique in their specific needs. A transition POC will help to determine goals for clients and families in the transition phase to adulthood and transitioning out of the CSHCS Program by age 21.**
Many clients/families have difficulty with how the IRPA should be filled out. Fields 1 – 6 are self explanatory. One question in Field 7 that causes some confusion is whether the client has Active Full Medicaid (this is not CSHCS, but full Medicaid insurance). The second question in Field 7 that also causes great confusion is regarding court appointed guardianship. This does not mean that you are the parent. It means that you have been issued guardianship over your child through the court system and have legal papers which will need to be submitted with the IRPA.

Field 8 is the number of people in your household.

Field 9 is your adjusted gross income.

Field 10 is the amount for the payment agreement for the year (not monthly).

Our goal is to assist you in submitting the IRPA correctly the first time so as not to delay the enrollment renewal. If you have questions, or are unsure of what to fill in, please contact us at 586-466-6855.
Did you know that Children's Special Health Care Services provides transportation and lodging assistance to all Non-Medicaid enrolled clients?

You can also get assistance with Out-of-State transportation costs including flight and hotel fees.

In order to receive assistance you must be pre-approved BEFORE you travel.

Contact your CSHCS representative for further information 586-466-6855.

Did you know...

There is an organization called NORD (National Organization for Rare Disorders)? It is for families who have children with rare diseases. NORD services include patient assistance, information about clinical trials and research studies, online support groups, regional patient meetings and conferences, and accurate rare disease information.

Website: rarediseases.org
Facebook.com/NationalOrganizationforRareDisorders

This group would be helpful for many CSHCS parents.
Children’s Special Health Care Services is a program within the Michigan Department of Healthy and Human Services. CSHCS is for children and some adults (Cystic Fibrosis and Hemophilia) with special health care needs.

CSHCS Mission Statement:
CSHCS strives to enable individuals with special health care needs to have improved health outcomes and an enhanced quality of life through the appropriate use of the CSHCS system of care.

CSHCS Goals:
- Assist individuals with special health care needs in accessing the broadest possible range of appropriate medical care, health education and supports
- Assure delivery of these services and supports in an accessible, family centered culturally competent, community based and coordinated manner
- Promote and incorporate parent/professional collaboration in all aspects of the program
- Remove barriers that prevent individuals with special health care needs from achieving these goals

Back Row: Lauren Zigo, Karla Anderson, Susan Craik, Matt Cichoski
Front Row: Niebel Ayesh, Rose Ambe, Judy Beyerlein, Lisa Lopp, Camille Cashaw

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