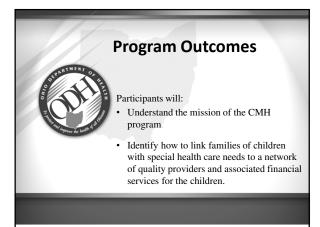
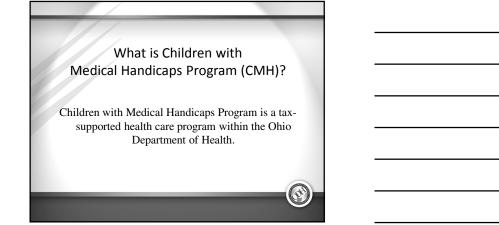
# Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH Program)

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## What is Children with Medical Handicaps Program?

- A program for families of children with special health care needs.
- A program that:
  - helps families obtain payment for needed medical services.
  - links families to a network of medical providers (12,000+)
  - collaborates with public health nurses in local health departments to assist in increasing access to care.

# Children with Medical Handicaps Program Mission

CMH Program's mission is to assure, through the development and support of **high quality**, **coordinated systems**, that children with special health care needs and their families obtain **comprehensive care** and **services** that are **family centered**, **community based** and **culturally sensitive**.

# **Funding Sources**

- Federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant
- State general revenue funds
- County tax funds/assessments
- Third-party reimbursements
- Donations



#### **CMH** Program Medical Providers

All services authorized and paid by CMH must be provided by CMH-approved providers.

- To be enrolled as a provider, an applicant must:
  - Complete the CMH Provider Application Form
  - Complete the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) W-9 Form
  - Document professional training and experience in treating
  - children with handicapping conditions
  - Provide verification of credentialsSign the CMH Provider Agreement
  - Sign the CMH Provider Agreeme
     Be an Ohio Medicaid provider
  - Have active staff privileges at a CMH approved hospital



# Diagnostic Program Authorization period – 6 months • To rule-out a handicapping condition • To diagnose a handicapping condition

• To establish a plan of treatment

# Diagnostic Program Eligibility

- The applicant must be:
  o under the age of 21
  a resident of Ohio
  o under the care of a CMH-approved physician
  - And:
  - Have a suspected special health care need

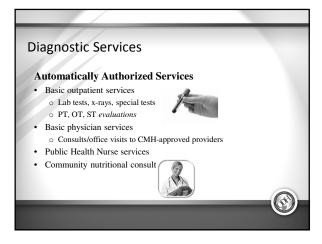
NO financial eligibility requirement

### Diagnostic Program Ineligible Conditions/Services

Acute conditions

placement

- Assessment of emotional or behavioral problems
- Routine well child care/physical exams/sports physical examsPhysical and psychological exams for school or adoptive
- Evaluation for learning disabilities
- Any service considered to be research or experimental in nature
- Out-of-state services





#### Major Services (must be requested)

- Up to 5 days inpatient hospitalization
- Biopsies/anesthesia
- Psych/neuropsych evaluations
- Emergency room
- Emergency transportation
- Dental consult



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# Treatment Program

- To provide on-going services for **medically** and **financially** eligible children, based on recognized standards
- · Authorization period: 1 year
- Cases can be renewed yearly to age 21 with continued medical and financial eligibility

# **Treatment Program** Eligibility

• The applicant must:

- Be under the age of 21
  - · Separate program for adults with cystic fibrosis
- Be a resident of Ohio
- Be under the care of a CMH-approved physician
- Have an eligible medical handicap
- The family must be financially eligible



**Treatment Program** Ineligible Conditions/Services

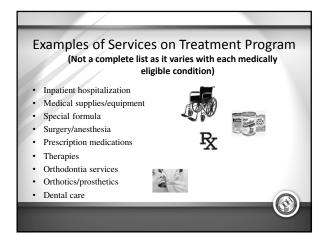
- Cancer
- · Chronic pulmonary disease

- · Acute or infectious conditions . Common refractive errors
- Emotional/behavioral .
- problems
- Psychological/emotional • disorders
- Learning disabilities
- · Routine well-child care

· Severe vision disorders

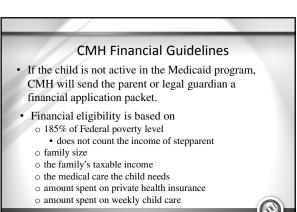
- · Experimental care Routine orthodontia
- problems
- · Well child care/physical exam
- Developmental delay





#### **CMH** Financial Guidelines

- The CMH <u>Treatment Program</u> has a financial eligibility requirement.
- Financial eligibility for CMH is determined case by case.
- Families that meet the income standards for Medicaid and/or Healthy Start/Healthy Families are required to apply.
- A child receiving benefits through Medicaid, SSI or WIC is automatically financially eligible for CMH treatment services.



#### **CMH** Financial Guidelines

· According to the Ohio Revised Code

- Providers are prohibited from charging co-pays or deductibles for services authorized by the CMH program.
- Providers may not charge families for any portion of the cost of services that are authorized by the CMH program.
  Balance billing of families is not permitted
- Providers are to accept the CMH program payment as payment in full.
  - The CMH program is payer of last resort (insurance, Medicaid, CMH)

# What happens if a family is determined to be "over Income" for the CMH Program?

- CMH sends the family a denial letter, stating they are over-income for the Treatment Program.
- They will receive information about the CMH's cost share program, such as:

o cost share dollar amount

 CMH Information Sheet, Steps to Meet your Cost Share on how they can meet that cost share amount



#### Hospital Based Team Service Coordination Program

- CMH Program supports 62 teams located in 3 tertiary centers and 8 children's hospitals.
- Teams designated to provide special care to children with specific conditions such as:
  - o cancer and hemophilia anomalies
  - o craniofacial anomalies
  - o cystic fibrosis





#### Service Coordination Eligibility

- The applicant must:
  - $\circ$  Be under the age of 21
  - o Be a resident of Ohio
  - Be under the care of a recognized specialty team that is approved by CMH to provide service coordination
- There is no financial eligibility criteria.

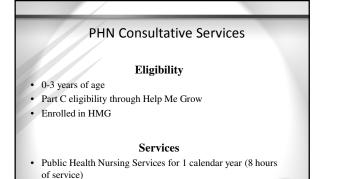


#### Hospital Based Team Service Coordination Program

- Authorization period: 1 year
- Cases can be renewed yearly to age 21
- Services include:
  - Service coordination services by a hospital-based service coordinator and a local public health nurse
  - Development of a plan by the team service coordinator, public health nurse and the family to meet the needs of the child

### Hospital Based Team Service Coordinators at Cincinnati Children's

- Cerebral Palsy 2 Service Coordinators
- Craniofacial 2 Service Coordinators
- Hemophilia 2 Service Coordinators
- Myelomeningocele 2 Service Coordinators



## Application to Children with Medical Handicaps Program

- In order to enroll in CMH Program...
  - For diagnostic and treatment programs:, a Medical Application Form must be submitted by a CMH-approved physician
  - Application must have parent/legal guardian's signature before case can be processed
  - $\circ~$  If client is 18 or over, they must sign a release and consent form
- Local health department public health nurses can provide a referral to start the enrollment process.

# Letter of Approval

- Parent is mailed letter of approval once child is approved for services
- Managing physician, hospital (if known) and local health department have access to letter through CMH Provider Portal.

# Letter of Approval

- Contains
  - Demographic information about the child, parent, and managing physician
  - $\circ~$  Information about insurance/Medicaid coverage
  - $\circ \ \ Name of \ local \ health \ department$
  - $\circ~$  Type of program, e.g. diagnostic, treatment
  - Child's diagnosis/diagnoses
  - $\circ \ \, \text{Authorization period}$
  - Services authorized



# Children with Medical Handicaps Website

- Go to
- <u>http://www.odh.ohio.gov/</u>
- Click on Letter "C"
- Click on Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH)
   O CMH Programs
  - Information for Parents
  - o Information for Providers
  - Forms, Materials, Resources
  - Advisory Committees
  - o FAQs

# Do Other States have A Program Like Children with Medical Handicaps Program?

YES!\_ Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau

#### · Go to

- <u>http://mchdata.hrsa.gov/TVISReports/ContactInfo/StateContact</u> <u>Search.aspx</u>
  - Use the arrow key from the drop down box and select the state you are looking for

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- · Click on start search
- This will provide contact information for that state



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