
Diagnostic Program

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Purpose

Children can receive services from CMH-approved providers to rule out a special health care need, diagnose a condition or develop a plan of treatment.

Although CMH covers a wide range of services, it is important to know that the CMH program does not cover all the services a child with special health care needs may require, nor are all services eligible for every diagnosis. Services must be related to the child's CMH-eligible condition.

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Be under the age of 21
- Be a resident of Ohio
- Be under the care of a CMH-approved physician
- Have a suspected special health care need

There is no financial eligibility required for this program; however, information on third-party coverage (Medicaid or insurance) must be supplied.

Services

Services must be related to the suspected handicapping condition and provided by CMH approved providers. Services are authorized for a maximum of six months. CMH requires the signature of the applicant if he/she is 18 to 21 years of age.

Documentation must be provided if there is legal guardianship of an individual 18 to 21 years of age

Services include:

- Tests and X-rays
- Visits to CMH-approved doctors (MD or DO)
- Up to five days in the hospital
- Public health nursing services
- Occupational, physical and speech therapy evaluations
- Dental consults
- Community nutrition consults

Ineligible Services/Conditions:

- Acute conditions
- Assessment of emotional or behavioral problems

- Routine well child care/physical exams
- Physical and psychological exams for school or adoptive placement/sports physical exams
- Evaluation for learning disabilities
- Any service considered to be research or experimental in nature
- Out-of-state services, unless comparable services not available to Ohio

Enrollment

A CMH-approved doctor (MD or DO) must apply to CMH. The parent, legal guardian or client (if 18 years of age or older) must sign the [Medical Application Form](#) or the [Release of Information and Consent](#) before the case can be started. A public health nurse can also begin the process by referring the child to a CMH-approved doctor.

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