



Children's Health

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Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs NETWORK NEWSLETTER

News, policy updates, resources, events, and advocacy opportunities

NATIONAL POLICY

Webinar: Assessing the Impact of Medicaid Cuts on Children and Youth

The large reductions in Medicaid that Congress is considering inevitably will put children's health and well-being at risk. Join Manatt Health and our Foundation for a webinar on the effects the Congressional proposals could have on children's coverage and access to the critical health care services they need.

DATE/TIME: May 6 | 12:30-1:30pm PT

[Register](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics Urges Legislators to Reject Medicaid Funding Cuts

As Congress negotiates the federal budget, the American Academy of Pediatrics has joined four leading medical organizations, representing more than 400,000 physicians, in urging Congress to protect Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. An Academy resource page provides fact sheets, information on advocacy opportunities, and more.

[Learn more](#)

How Medicaid Provides a Lifeline for CYSHCN

One in five children in the U.S. has a special health care need, and almost half of this population is covered by Medicaid and/or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In partnership with Family Voices, the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families has published a brief highlighting how Medicaid and CHIP support CYSHCN in accessing essential care, services, and supports.

[Read the brief](#)

Also see: A [companion brief](#) featuring insights from families of CYSHCN, published by Georgetown University Center for Children and Families and Family Voices

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Related Resource: Personal Stories Document the Value of Medicaid

Through its *That's Medicaid* website, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation highlights stories that make the case for why Medicaid is essential. These stories can be viewed by state and by topics, including children, chronic health conditions, and living with disability.

[Read the stories](#)

Proposed Changes to Special Education May Affect CYSHCN

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that students with special needs receive appropriate schooling. IDEA currently is administered through the Department of Education, which has been subjected to drastic budget cuts. The Trump Administration is considering moving some aspects of special education into the Department of Health and Human Services, which also has been cut back substantially. An article from NPR explains [How the Education Department Helps Students with Disabilities Get an Education](#), and K-12 Dive reports that [Special Education Cuts Will Have "Immense Harm," Democrats Say](#).

[Read the NPR article](#)

[Read the K-12 Dive article](#)

Also see: [Education Department Faces Questions About Future of Special Education](#) – from *Disability Scoop*. Requires login.

COMPLEX CARE

Early Bird Registration: Putting Care at the Center Conference

Putting Care at the Center, the annual conference of the Camden Coalition's National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs, brings together members of the complex care field to learn, network, and create a shared agenda for improving care for people of all ages with complex needs. Early bird registration is open for the conference, scheduled for October 15-17 in Portland, Oregon. Applications to make mini-presentations are open until **May 7**.

[Conference presentation opportunities](#)

[Learn more and register](#)

TRANSITION TO ADULT CARE

Research: Adolescents' Self-Reported Views on Readiness for Transition to Adult Care

In a recent study, researchers assessed the readiness of adolescents and young adults for

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clinician and their feelings of confidence in their ability to prepare for this change. Study results, which demonstrated association between youths' self-ratings of the importance of health care transition and their demographic characteristics, can offer guidance on how and when clinicians should begin the transition planning process.

[Read the article](#)

SYSTEMS OF CARE

From the Field: How Title V CYSHCN Programs Advance the System of Services

Title V programs across the nation that support CYSHCN are advancing the system of services through innovative approaches. A series of vignettes from the National Center for a System of Services for CYSHCN highlights state programs addressing emerging policy issues, priority needs, and cross-sector partnerships. Other states/jurisdictions may [submit short blurbs](#) about their work for possible publication.

[Read the vignettes](#)

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)

CCS Advisory Group Discusses 2025 Priorities, Whole Child Model Management

At its April 9 meeting, the CCS Advisory Group outlined the seven CCS priorities for 2025, and heard updates on the Whole Child Model (WCM) expansion and regulations. To exemplify managed care plan management of WCM cases, a nurse case manager and a family spoke about their experience with Partnership Health Plan. Presentations on Medi-Cal Rx and the CCS Compliance, Monitoring, and Oversight program also were made. The meeting agenda and instructions for requesting a copy of the presentation can be found on the Advisory Group's [website](#). The next meeting will be held virtually and in person on July 16, 2025.

[Learn more](#)

CALIFORNIA POLICY

Family Voices of California 2025 Virtual Conference – Uncharted Waters: Navigating Health for California's Kids

Registration is now open for the Family Voices of California 2025 Virtual Conference – Uncharted Waters: Navigating Health for California's Kids. This event brings together families, providers, policymakers, and other stakeholders to address the health challenges affecting CYSHCN in California. Highlights of the conference include keynote sessions from leading experts, plenary discussions focused on policy and practice, and breakout sessions focused on a variety of topics. Registration is free and open to all.

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EVENTS

Foundation Partners to Present at Upcoming Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

The Pediatric Academic Societies' annual gathering of leading researchers, clinicians, and medical educators will take place April 24-28 in Honolulu. This meeting is an opportunity for the international pediatric community to share research and collaborate on projects to advance innovation in child and adolescent health. Sessions featuring Foundation grantees and partners include: *Addressing Ableism in Academic Pediatric Settings*; *Patient and Family Centered Care and Urgent Care & Developing a Patient Centered Communication Toolkit for Providers*; and *Complex Care and Disability & Access to Home and Community Based Services: Challenges and Advocacy Opportunities*.

[Learn more about PAS 2025](#)

RESOURCES

National Survey of Children's Health Datasets, Codebooks Available

The Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health has released the 2022-2023 National Survey of Children's Health datasets and codebooks. Datasets feature data from 109,265 children ages 0-17. Title V CYSHCN programs can utilize the data to inform their needs assessment and guide priority planning. Key National Performance Measure data points can be used to guide work to advance systems and services for CYSHCN and their families.

[Access the datasets](#)

[Access the codebooks](#)

Exceptional Parent Magazine April Issue: Autism Acceptance Month

This issue of *Exceptional Parent Magazine* recognizes the talents, contributions, and diversity within the autism community. Read about strategies to improve emotional regulation at home and at school, as well as general tips for caring for children who have autism.

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