



# Children with Medical Handicaps Program

## What is Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)?

CMH is a health care program that links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payments for services their child needs. Via the Ohio Department of Health, CMH supports the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) where providers and families work together to improve health outcomes and quality of life for children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

## What medical conditions are eligible for CMH?

Special health care needs may be caused by a condition a child is born with or develops later. Some eligible conditions are:

- AIDS
- Asthma
- Cancer
- Cerebral palsy
- Chronic lung disease
- Cleft lip/palate
- Congenital heart disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Hearing loss
- Hemophilia
- Juvenile arthritis
- Metabolic disorders
- Scoliosis
- Severe vision disorders
- Sickle cell disease
- Spina bifida

## Who is eligible for CMH services?

- Ohio residents, ages 0 to 24 years
- Children under the care of a CMH-approved doctor (M.D. or D.O.) and who have or may have a chronic medical condition
- Families who meet financial eligibility; required for the Treatment Program only

## How can CMH help?

CMH can help children and their families with diagnostic and treatment services given by a CMH-approved provider, and service coordination. Examples include:

- Early identification and evaluation through referrals and office visits
- Biopsies, X-rays, laboratory tests, prescriptions, therapies, dental services, and medical supplies and equipment
- Public Health Registered Nurse services

**Call Lorain County Public Health at 440-322-6367 to start the application process, or learn more at [LorainCountyHealth.com/CMH](http://LorainCountyHealth.com/CMH).**