

Who qualifies?

Children under the age of 21 with special medical needs or chronic medical conditions may be eligible for BCMH services:

- Children born with medical conditions such as birth defects, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, cystic fibrosis.
- Children who develop chronic medical conditions after birth such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, chronic ear infections.
- Children who reside in Ohio.
- Financial eligibility is determined by BCMH on a case-by-case basis. All income levels qualify to receive some BCMH services.
- Mental conditions such as autism are not covered by BCMH.

For BCMH Services contact:

Hamilton County General Health District	946.7882
City of Cincinnati	357.2836
Norwood	458.4600
Sharonville	563.1722
Springdale	346.5725

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community-based
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family-centered

Welcome! The Hamilton County General Health District and the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps is here to serve you!

What is BCMH?

The Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) is a program operated by the Ohio Department of Health. It reaches out to children with special medical needs throughout Ohio. The Hamilton County General Health District's Nursing Division helps provide BCMH services for Hamilton County residents.

BCMh can help cover unpaid medical bills or excessive medical costs due to services not covered by a primary health insurance plan.

Persons with private insurance can still be eligible for BCMH.

"It does not have to break you financially to have a child with special healthcare needs."

—A BCMH mother

What services are available?

BCMh offers the following features:

Diagnostic offers a free three-month assessment, diagnosis and evaluation of a child who may have a chronic medical condition. Public health nurses help families locate BCMH-approved healthcare providers.

Treatment provides payment for ongoing services related to a chronic medical condition. Children must receive care from a BCMH-approved provider. Assistance may include medical equipment/supplies,

"No one in my family has a child with special healthcare needs, but BCMH was there to support me and my child."

—A BCMH mother

"BCMh will allow your child to get the help he or she needs to stay healthy."

—A BCMH mother

prescription medications, occupational therapy, physical therapy and more.

Service Coordination gives families an opportunity to sit down with BCMH Service Coordinators and put together short and long-term plans for treatment and support. Service Coordinators can also acquaint families with the resources available through BCMH.

Public Health Nurses from the Hamilton County General Health District assist BCMH in providing services to Hamilton county residents. The nurses can act as liaisons to physicians and other healthcare providers. Nurses also help families complete BCMH paperwork, including applications and renewals.