



# Section of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

## *Who We Are and What We Do*

### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide support to assure optimal functioning of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in their homes, schools, and communities.

### Our Goals and Strategies

- Coordinate care for eligible families and CYSHCN through referrals, care coordination, and transition assistance.
- Provide payment assistance for eligible CYSHCN for medical services and supplies, orthodontic services, and services and supplies for audiological defects.
- Provide a rewarding summer residential camping experience at Camp Burnt Gin for CYSHCN ages 7–25.



### Create and Sustain Systems of Care

Programs within the Section of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs are consistent with national goals for systems for family-centered care coordination and collaborative decision-making at all levels of care.

#### Care Coordination

CYSHCN teams of nurses, social workers and registered dietitians work with patients, families, and providers to assist with obtaining needed services and supplies and providing financial assistance for children, youth, and young adults up to age 21 with special health care needs.

#### Financial Assistance

Programs within the Section of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs provide payment assistance for medically necessary services, supplies, equipment, and/or prescription drugs through several programs for eligible persons with no other payment source.

#### Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) Program

CRS provides medically necessary services, supplies, equipment, and/or prescription drugs for eligible children and youth to age 18 years with a wide array of chronic or physically disabling conditions requiring specialized care.

#### Hearing Program

The Hearing Program helps assure optimal health and functioning of children, youth, and young adults with diagnosed hearing loss. This program provides supplies for hearing aids, cochlear implants, and bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) to facilitate healthy growth and development of language and speech.

#### Hemophilia Premium Assistance Program

The CYSHCN Program provides premium and copayment assistance for blood products for home infusion and related supplies for eligible South Carolina residents with hemophilia or other blood coagulation (clotting) disorders.

#### Orthodontic Program

This program funds orthodontic and related services for eligible children and youth with defects of the mouth, teeth, or jaw that result in a severe functional impairment.

#### Sickle Cell Services

This program provides care coordination and payment assistance for eligible persons to receive medical services, supplies, equipment and prescriptions for individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

#### Special Formula Program

The Section provides specialty formula for program-eligible infants and children with nutritional conditions affecting their normal growth and development.

## Programs at-a-Glance

Care Coordination	Financial Assistance	Camp Burnt Gin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referrals to agencies and organizations that assist families of children with special needs</li> <li>• Linking families to needed services</li> <li>• Transition services provided to assist with the transfer from a pediatric to adult medical home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRS</li> <li>• Hearing</li> <li>• Orthodontic Services</li> <li>• Hemophilia Premium Assistance</li> <li>• Special Formula</li> <li>• Sickle Cell Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential camp for children, youth, and young adults (ages 7-25) with disabilities</li> <li>• Campers will become more independent, try new things, learn new skills, and make new friends</li> <li>• Varied day and evening activities and programs</li> </ul>

## CYSHCN Program Highlights

### From Infancy to Adulthood - Blood Disorders Programs

CYSHCN's Blood Disorders Programs support individuals affected by chronic blood disorders such as hemophilia and other clotting disorders or sickle cell disease from infancy through adulthood. CYSHCN's Blood Disorders Programs provide payment assistance and care coordination to reduce the challenges faced by individuals and families managing these conditions.

The Hemophilia Assistance Program provides support through insurance and co-payment assistance, ensuring that those with hemophilia, von Willebrand's disease, or other bleeding disorders have access to necessary treatments. Additionally, the launch of the SC Sickle Cell Disease Registry in December 2023 marks a significant advancement in state-driven health initiatives. This registry aims to improve understanding of the prevalence of sickle cell disease, identify resource gaps, and improve service coordination, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by sickle cell disease.



### Did You Know?

Camp Burnt Gin turned 75 years old in 2020! What first started as a camp for children with only orthopedic conditions, Camp Burnt Gin morphed into the esteemed summer camp for children with special needs as it is currently!

Since 1945 Camp Burnt Gin has provided a fun-filled, summer camp experience for children, youth, and young adults with a wide array of chronic and/or physical disabilities where they participate in arts, crafts, learn about nature and science, play games, and go swimming or boating! Each camper is able to highlight and celebrate their differences in a safe and friendly camp community!

