Navigating Healthcare for Children

Each child presents with his or her own unique needs, which means that healthcare approaches are specific to the individual. Children may have to navigate multiple conditions at the same time. As a result, there are varying levels of support and care needed to address a child’s well-being. Access to high quality healthcare is essential in order to prevent or treat illness and injury, assess and alleviate needs, and improve quality of life of children in Georgia.

Wellchild
A child’s well-being can be addressed through many approaches of care, including prevention, intervention, or treatment. Care can include screenings, check-ups, and education.

Behavioral Health
In Georgia, an estimated 23% of children have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions. Some services to address these conditions can include: counseling, substance abuse treatment, medication, and therapeutic interventions.

Pre-existing conditions
Thousands of Georgia children encounter significant health obstacles as a result of chronic conditions, such as cancer, asthma, sickle cell anemia, and developmental disabilities.

Newborns
Quality pre/post-natal care provides resources for both mother and child. Early care, such as screenings and education, create a healthy start for all children.

State Custody
Medicaid covers approximately 13,000 children in Georgia’s child welfare system and most children under supervision by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Behavioral Health services, among others, are key to helping children through tough times, improving public safety and reducing recidivism.

Incidental
Life happens. Acute conditions, such as cavities, broken bones, colds and concussions, can easily consume a family’s time and income.

How are Georgia’s Children Covered?

1,315,810
are covered by Medicaid.

262,135
CHP

1,334,587
PRIVATE

217,000
UNINSURED

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