



The Connecticut Medical Home System of Care for  
Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs



**Medical Home & HP 2010 Goals**

**B**y achieving the (6) performance outcomes, you ensure that CYSHCN have access to a medical home.

1) Children are screened early and continuously for special health care needs:

- **Coordinated, Continuous, Comprehensive Care**
  - Medical home professionals can help ensure timely & appropriate follow-up for patients who screen positive
  - Children identified through screening can have their care coordinated through one central location
  - Children with special needs can receive ongoing monitoring for secondary conditions

2) Families participate in decision-making at all levels & are satisfied with the services they receive:

- **Family-Centered Care**
  - Medical home physician is knowledgeable about the CYSHCN & family and needs
  - Mutual responsibility & trust exists between patient, family & medical home physician
  - Family is recognized as principal caregiver & center of strength & support for child, as well as the expert
  - Clear, unbiased & complete information & options are shared on an ongoing basis with family
  - Families & youth are supported to play a central role in care coordination & share responsibility in decision making

3) Children receive regular ongoing comprehensive care within a Medical Home:

- **Accessible, Family-Centered, Comprehensive, Continuous, Coordinated, Compassionate & Culturally-Effective**
  - Physician & family share responsibility



**4) Families have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for needed services:**

- **Accessible**
  - All insurance, including Medicaid, is accepted
  - Changes in insurance are accommodated
- **Comprehensive**
  - Information is made available about private insurance & public resources

**5) Services for children & families are organized & easy to use:**

- **Accessible**
  - Care is provided in the CYSHCN's community
  - Practice is accessible by public transportation, where available
- **Coordinated**
  - Families are linked to support & advocacy groups, parent-to-parent groups & other family resources
- **Culturally-Effective**
  - CYSHCN's & family's cultural background, including beliefs, rituals & customs are recognized, valued, respected & incorporated into care plan

**6) Youth with special health care needs receive services necessary to make appropriate transitions to all aspects of adult life, including adult health care, work & independence:**

- **Accessible**
  - Families & youth are able to speak directly to the physician when needed
- **Family-Centered**
  - Families & youth are supported to play a central role in care coordination & share responsibility in decision-making
- **Continuous**
  - Assistance with transitions, in the form of developmentally-appropriate health assessments & counseling, is available to the CYSHCN & family



**MEDICAL HOME INITIATIVES  
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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