

# **Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C)**

## **What is CAP/C?**

The Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C) provides home and community based services to medically fragile children who, because of their medical needs are at risk for institutionalization in a nursing home. Examples of children who may be eligible for CAP/C include children with ventilators, tracheostomies, feeding tubes, severe seizures, and those children who need help with activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, and toileting when the child, for medical reasons, is not able to do or learn to do those tasks independently.

## **What does CAP/C cover?**

In addition to case management and in-home nursing or aide care, families may also receive some additional services. These include:

- respite care (in-home or institutional nursing care provided in order to give the child's caregiver some leisure time)
- home modifications
- vehicle modifications
- caregiver education and training
- palliative care

Children on CAP/C also have access to regular Medicaid services, for example; physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and medical equipment.

## **Who is eligible?**

CAP/C is available to any child birth through 20 years of age who meets both the Medicaid eligibility criteria and the CAP/C criteria. The Medicaid criteria for CAP programs are not the same as the regular Medicaid criteria. Other criteria include that the child must live in a private residence, must be able to be cared for safely at home and meet minimum nursing facility level of care. The child's needs must be able to be met within the financial limits of the program. The family must be willing to participate in the care and in the care planning for their child.

## **Contacts**

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Parent handbook can be found at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/capc/capcparenthandbook.pdf>

Referral forms can be found at [http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/forms/CAPC\\_referral.doc](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/forms/CAPC_referral.doc)