Special Health Services provides statewide health care support services, including service coordination, for children and adults with disabilities, chronic illness and birth defects. State and federal funding support SHS services. To be eligible for SHS services, an individual must be a Missouri resident, have a special health care need and meet medical and financial eligibility when required. There is no fee for applying for these services.

Service coordination is an essential service for people with complex conditions and needs. Service coordination includes assessment through home visits and links to services and resources that enable individuals to obtain the best possible health and greatest degree of independence. Service coordination is provided to all program participants, regardless of financial status.

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN)
The CYSHCN Program provides assistance statewide for individuals from birth to age 21 who have or are at increased risk for a disease, defect or medical condition that may hinder their normal physical growth and development and who require more medical services than children and youth generally. The program focuses on early identification and service coordination for individuals who meet medical eligibility guidelines. As payer of last resort, the CYSHCN Program provides limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for individuals whose families also meet financial eligibility guidelines.

Healthy Children and Youth Program (HCY)
The HCY Program provides service coordination and authorization for medically necessary services for MO HealthNet recipients with special health care needs from birth to age 21. Service coordination includes assessment through home visits and links to services and resources that enable individuals to remain safely in their homes with their families. Authorized services may include in-home personal care, in-home nursing care and skilled-nursing visits.

Medically Fragile Adult Waiver Program (MFAW)
The MFAW Program provides service coordination and authorization for medically necessary services to MO HealthNet recipients with serious and complex medical needs who have reached the age of 21 and are no longer eligible to receive services through the HCY Program. Individuals must require medical care equivalent to the level of care received in an intermediate care facility, not be enrolled in another waiver and have been eligible for private duty nursing through the HCY Program. Authorized services may include in-home personal care, in-home nursing care, skilled nursing visits and specialized medical supplies.

Family Partnership Initiative
The Family Partnership provides resource information and peer support to families of children and youth with special health care needs. Families are also given the opportunity to network with each other through various settings, including regional and statewide meetings. The Family Partnership includes individuals with special health care needs as well as parents, legal guardians or siblings. SHS utilizes information from the Family Partnership to enhance the relationship among SHS and the individuals and families it serves.

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Adult Head Injury Unit

Adult Brain Injury Program (ABI)
The ABI Program assists Missouri residents, ages 21 to 65, who are living with a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Through service coordination, the program links individuals to resources to enable each person to obtain goals of independent living, community participation and employment. Individuals who meet financial eligibility requirements may also receive community-based rehabilitation services to help achieve identified goals. Rehabilitation services include counseling, vocational training, employment supports and home- and community-based support training.

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SHS provides interpreter services (language or sign) for participants and/or family members. Alternate forms of this publication for persons with disabilities may be obtained by contacting the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at the number listed. Hearing- and speech-impaired citizens can dial 711.

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