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"Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities"

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**To: Local Newspaper**

**From: Lorrie Youngs, Health Education Supervisor**

**RE: Children's Special Health Care Services**

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**Children's Special Health Care Service Program**

Children's Special Health Care Service Program strives to enable individuals with special health care needs to have improved health outcomes and to enhance their quality of life. Children's Special Health Care Service (CSHCS) is a program within the Department of Community Health. It is for children and some adults with special care needs and their families.

CSHCS helps people with chronic health problems by providing: coverage and referral for specialty services based on the child's health problems; family centered services to support you in your primary role as caretaker of your child; community based services to help you care for your child at home and maintain normal routines; culturally competent services which demonstrate awareness of cultural differences; and coordinated services to pull together the services of many different providers who work within different agencies.

Children must have a qualifying medical condition and be 20 years old or under. Persons 21 and older with cystic fibrosis or certain blood coagulation disorders may also qualify for services.

CSHCS covers more than 2,700 diagnoses. Some common medical conditions that may qualify for CSHCS are: cancer, cerebral palsy, cleft palate/cleft lip, liver disease, club foot, deformed limbs/amputations, spina bifida, certain vision disorders, paralysis/spinal injuries, blood clotting disorders, cystic fibrosis/other lung conditions, hearing loss, insulin-dependent diabetes, muscular dystrophy, certain heart conditions, epilepsy, neurological disorders, kidney disease, and sickle cell

anemia. For a full list of covered medical conditions you can log onto Michigan Department of Community Health at [www.mdch.state.mi.us](http://www.mdch.state.mi.us).

You may be eligible if you meet certain criteria such as, a Michigan resident, a US citizen, qualifying age, and qualifying medical condition. If you would like to apply for CSHCS you can log onto the website and click on the link to apply or you can simply call the Central Michigan District Health Department at one of the following locations for assistance.

Central Michigan District Health Department locations:

Arenac-989-846-6541

Clare-989-539-6731

Gladwin-989-426-9431

Isabella-989-773-5921

Osceola-231-832-5532

Marion-231-743-9877

Roscommon-989-366-9166

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Sources: Michigan Department of Community Health  
[www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch)

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