

CSHCS ALERT #1-2016 - Calls from Families with Children who have a Metabolic Disorder
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Dear Colleagues,

As you may already know, Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit has been receiving a grant from the state to provide metabolic formula to children with metabolic disorders, at little to no cost to families. Children could receive this formula regardless of enrollment in CSHCS (or Medicaid). The grant is ending October 1, 2016.

CSHCS has been working with the MDHHS Division of Genomics to bring children with metabolic conditions who need metabolic formula into CSHCS as needed before the grant ends. Part of the goal has been to make this transition happen with as little disruption as possible. The department even increased the reimbursement fee to durable medical equipment (DME) providers so they will be more likely to provide the metabolic formula to children with CSHCS or Medicaid.

A packet of information from the Genomics Division of MDHHS about enrolling in CSHCS (please see attached) is being mailed TODAY to families with children who have metabolic disorders. In some of the attached documentation, families have been directed to call their local health department if they have questions about CSHCS. There may not be a large number of calls, but we wanted to be sure you had the documents to which the families will likely refer.

You will see in the attached documentation that some of the information we normally provide to families has been truncated for this packet. Many of the families will be deciding whether to join CSHCS at all. Many have private insurance that will cover part or all of the metabolic formula. The payment agreement may or may not be worth it to them in relation to any co-pays. Therefore, these documents are intended to give them enough information to decide if enrolling in CSHCS is a good financial decision for their family.

We hope this information is helpful. **If you have any questions, please contact Karla McCandless at mccandlessk@michigan.gov** Thanks.

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