

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Newsletter – January 2022

CSHCS is a secondary insurance program designed to support children with eligible chronic health conditions and their families. CSHCS is also available for adults with cystic fibrosis and bleeding disorders. Call the office for more information at 269-373-5015.



Parent Connect Calls

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) is excited to offer a series of free virtual Parent Connect Calls. The next call is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11:00am**. The topic for this call is CSHCS Insurance Premium Payment Benefit. The Insurance Premium Payment Benefit may cover all or part of some health insurance premiums when families cannot afford to pay. To register, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-connect-call-cshcs-insurance-premium-payment-benefit-tickets-198427972407>

Camp Scholarships

Parents/Caregivers of a child or youth with special health care needs are encouraged to apply for up to \$250 for a camp scholarship from the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center). Camps eligible for scholarship are not just limited to face-to-face, virtual camps are considered as well. Applications are being accepted now through March 31, 2022, but funding is limited so apply now! Families will be required to submit a completed application along with an Attendance Registration Form. Applicants are eligible once every 2 years, and one camp scholarship per family. Camper must be between the ages of 5-21.

For any questions or to request the application forms, please contact the Family Phone Line at 800-359-3722.

The Pay Place

Families who have payment agreements with CSHCS can now set up automatic payments through the Pay Place. You may set up recurring payments with a bank account, credit, or debit card. To access the Pay Place, visit:

<http://www.thepayplace.com/mi/dch/cshcsenroll>.

You will then:

1. Enter your email and password or click on "Register" if you are a new user.
2. Enter Last Name, First Name, Recipient ID (Medicaid number), Payment Agreement end date and select "Submit." This will take you to the Payment Method screen. You may pay with an existing account (if already enrolled) or you may select "pay with new account."
3. Recurring info: complete the information and there will be an option to check the box for "Make this a Recurring Payment." You will be able to determine the frequency of recurring payments by using the drop down for "Repeat Every."
4. You will then be taken to the Payment Review Screen to confirm your choices.

Mileage Reimbursement

CSHCS can help with your mileage reimbursement. The new rate for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) beginning January 1, 2022 is **\$0.585 a mile**. To request mileage reimbursement for an upcoming appointment, please contact the Kalamazoo CSHCS Admin. Assistant, Melissa, at 269-373-5104.

For next month's Newsletter, please go to <https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/mch/cshcs/newsletters.php> . If you have questions or concerns please call the Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722 or the Kalamazoo CSHCS Program Representative, Heather, at 269-373-5015.

COVID-19: Vaccination Information

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is vaccinating children ages 5-11 years old with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Parents/guardians wishing to protect their children from COVID-19 may schedule an appointment with the health department at www.kalcounty.com/covid19vaccine or by calling the Covid-19 Call Center at 269-373-5200 (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm). An appointment is required for the 5-11 year old age group. 5-11 year olds must be accompanied by an adult at the clinic.

If you are over the age of 12, no appointment is needed. Appointments are only being made for 5-11 year olds at this time. The clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you have questions, you may call the Covid-19 Call Center at 269-373-5200. **Everyone 16 years or older is now eligible for a COVID-19 Booster.** For more information about boosters or third additional dose requirements, visit: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214---,00.html

CSHCS has been granted funds to assist CSHCS enrollees and their families as well as children with special needs in obtaining vaccinations of both COVID-19 and childhood immunizations. Please call **269-373-5010** if you are having difficulty in obtaining vaccines for your child or your family.

Flu Vaccine

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season, especially people at high risk. This year, more than ever, it is important to get vaccinated to decrease the risk of serious disease from influenza and avoid the possibility of being infected by both influenza and COVID-19 at the same time. Kalamazoo Health & Community Services is offering influenza vaccines. Call 269-373-5203 to schedule your appointment.

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services is committed to providing equitable, culturally competent care to all individuals served, regardless of race, age, sex, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

January Awareness

Cervical Health Awareness Month -

<https://www.nccc-online.org/?platform=hootsuite>

National Glaucoma Awareness Month -

<https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/outreach-campaigns-and-resources/glaucoma-resources/glaucoma-awareness-month>

Thyroid Awareness Month -

<https://www.thyroid.org/media-main/press-room/>

National Birth Defects Awareness Month -

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/diagnosis.html>

National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month -

<https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/>

National Blood Donor Month -

<https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2021/help-save-lives-during-national-blood-donor-month.html>

National Stalking Awareness Month -

<https://www.stalkingawareness.org/stalking-awareness-month-2022/>



CAST Program Now Recruiting

The College Academic Success Team (CAST) program is open to Kalamazoo County students in grades 9-12. Participants will:

- Learn to improve their academics and strengthen their learning.
- Build strong relationships and connections with peers.
- Become a strong leader in the community.

The CAST program begins **January 18, 2022**. For questions or to enroll, call 269-323-1954 or email Sonja Roseman at sonjar@synergykzoo.org