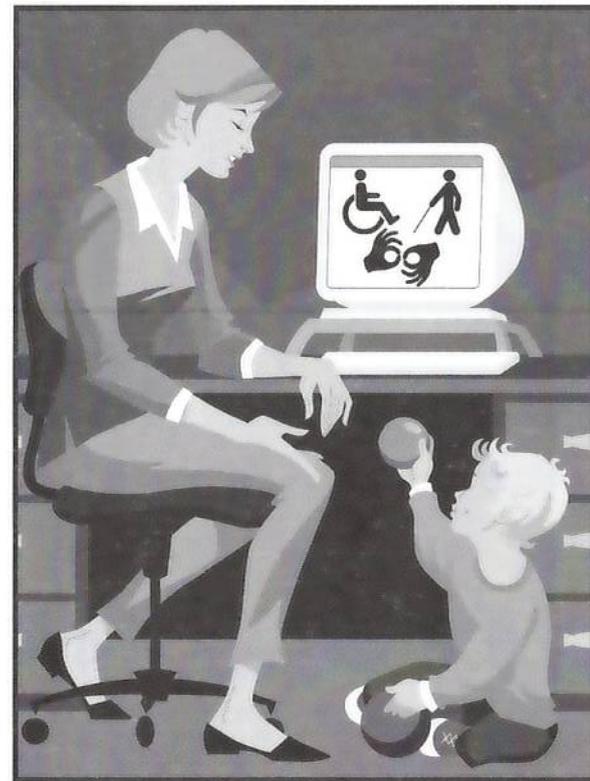


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# Special Child Health Services



New Jersey has made a commitment to assist families caring for children with complex, long-term medical and developmental disabilities. For these "special needs" children, prompt attention to their condition early in life helps assure they will lead healthier lives when they are older.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

**My child has a medical condition. I have many questions about programs, health professionals and schools. Does the State of New Jersey provide any help?**

Special Child Health Services, Case Management (SCHS-CM) can help you. The case managers provide information to parents/guardians of children with special health care needs. They make referrals to and/or assist families to access State, federal and community resources including, but not limited to, NJ FamilyCare, Early Intervention Services, Social Security Income (SSI) and local charitable organizations. SCHS-CM is a statewide network of 21 county-based case management units.

## **Who is a Case Manager?**

A case manager is a nurse or social worker who will work with the family to help them to find programs and services to assist with their child's special needs.

## **Who is eligible for Special Child Health Services, Case Management?**

Children age birth through 21 years who are New Jersey residents and have special

health care needs. Children with "special needs" including, but not limited to, long-term medical conditions, physical disabilities, birth defects, developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury are eligible.

## **Will the SCHS-CM bill us for their help?**

There is no cost for a case manager to help you. New Jersey Department of Health, together with individual County Boards of Chosen Freeholders, fund the case management units in New Jersey's 21 counties.

## **May I phone my county case manager and ask for help or does my doctor need to refer my child?**

Yes. You may phone your county case management unit and request help. A doctor's referral is not needed. Some children are referred through the New Jersey Birth Defects Registry or SSI applications. However, if you are a parent or guardian of a child with special health care needs, you too may refer your child.

## **Special Child Health & Early Intervention Services**

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## **COUNTY CASE MANAGEMENT UNITS**

<b>Atlantic County</b>	(609) 909-9269
<b>Bergen County</b>	(201) 634-2620
<b>Burlington County</b>	(609) 267-1950
<b>Camden County</b>	(856) 374-6021 or (800) 999-9045
<b>Cape May County</b>	(609) 465-6841
<b>Cumberland County</b>	(856) 327-7602 EXT. 7132
<b>Essex County</b>	(973) 395-8836 or (973) 395-8837
<b>Gloucester County</b>	(856) 218-4125
<b>Hudson County</b>	(201) 915-2514
<b>Hunterdon County</b>	(908) 788-6399
<b>Mercer County</b>	(609) 588-8460
<b>Middlesex County</b>	(732) 745-3187
<b>Monmouth County</b>	(732) 224-6950
<b>Morris County</b>	(973) 971-4155
<b>Ocean County</b>	(732) 341-9700 EXT. 7602
<b>Passaic County</b>	(973) 523-6778
<b>Salem County</b>	(856) 935-7510 EXT. 8305
<b>Somerset County</b>	(908) 725-2366
<b>Sussex County</b>	(973) 948-5239
<b>Union County</b>	(908) 889-0950
<b>Warren County</b>	(908) 689-6000 EXT. 258

