Children's Special Health Care Services
Administrative Policy Manual

Benefit – Basic Services Policy # C-1a

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Previous Title: **portions of "Provision of Primary/Secondary Care"**
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Revision Reason: **Clarify to enable fair, objective and consistent administration.**

Title: **Primary Medical Care**

Purpose: **To describe the primary medical care benefit to be provided in the Basic Services included in the Health Care Service Package.**

Rule References:

410 IAC 3.2-1-27 – "Primary care visits" defined
410 IAC 3.2-7-1 – Health care delivery system
410 IAC 3.2-7-2 – Basic services included in the health care service package

Policy: **Primary Medical Care equates to "Well Child Care". Each participant in the CSHCS program will be assigned "Linked" to a Primary Care Physician, where they will receive observation and care in accordance with recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

Discussion: **Linkage** of each participant to a Primary Care Physician provides "**access to care**" for the participant. The Primary Care Physician will be an individual or group of individuals, each of which possess an unlimited license to practice medicine. Medically necessary care provided by this physician within their office, including X-ray & Laboratory services, requires no further authorization, as the **Linkage** establishes authorization. However, services, which are excluded from coverage, will not be reimbursed.

The Primary Care Physician "**Linked**" with the participant may be board certified in a specialty appropriate for the "Secondary Care" required by the participant, due to the participant's diagnoses or eligible medical condition.

Each participant will be "**Linked**" to at least one (1), sometimes several physicians certified in specialties appropriate for the treatment of the participant's diagnoses or eligible medical condition(s).

References: **Linkage Policy**
Prior Authorization Policy