

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 8: Out-of-Home Services Section 28: Payment for Health Care Services	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

When a child in out-of-home care, the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will make sure they can go to the doctor, get medication, and stay healthy. DCS will check to see if the child can get Medicaid. If the child cannot get Medicaid, and does not have any other health insurance, DCS will pay for the health care services the child needs.

POLICY STATEMENT

For a child in out-of-home care who is covered by private health insurance from their parent, guardian, or custodian, DCS will utilize the private health insurance for all required health care services.

Note: DCS will accept the financial responsibility for the child's required health care service when the child's private health insurance does not cover all or some of the bill for a health care service the child receives.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-9-2.1-78: "Destitute child"](#)
- [IC 12-15-2-16.2: Eligibility of foster children; enrollment assistance](#)
- [IC 31-34-2.5-6: Safe haven infant presumed eligible for Medicaid](#)