



ChiPACC Bill

Based on the collaborative model of care developed by Children's Hospice International (CHI), the Children's Program of All-inclusive, Coordinated Care (ChiPACC) provides each enrolled child an individualized treatment plan that includes and manages services from providers across the health care spectrum. ChiPACC's services will improve upon the often inconsistent care that is currently available to seriously ill children under Medicaid, doing so at a savings to taxpayers. The Chi PACC Bill, HR 722, will make ChiPACC a Medicaid state option.

ChiPACC at a Glance

Building upon its years of experience and with technical assistance from experts in pediatric hospice and palliative care, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CHI developed its Program for All-Inclusive Care for Children and their Families (CHI PACC) with funding and bipartisan, bicameral support from the U.S. Congress. Two states, Colorado and Florida, have received CMS waivers and have begun implementation of their CHI PACC programs. Currently CHI is working with a growing number of states that are in varying stages of developing a CHI PACC program. The ChiPACC Bill is based on the CHI PACC model of care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families.

ChiPACC overcomes barriers to appropriate care for children with life-threatening conditions and allows children and their families to pursue curative and traditional hospice/palliative/home care services concurrently. These services are covered under Medicaid and private insurance is expected to follow suit.

ChiPACC provides early, continual intervention and care coordination functions to prepare families and health care providers to provide support for the seriously-ill child, as well as respite care to permit parents to continue functioning in the community in a cost effective manner; in doing so ChiPACC incorporates comprehensive compassionate care for all children with life-threatening conditions and their families from time of diagnosis with hope for cure. If cure is not attained ChiPACC services provide anticipatory grief and bereavement support for the family. In essence, ChiPACC provides a continuum of integrated and interdisciplinary care and support services for child and family across all settings of care. Health care institutions, programs, and providers are reimbursed for ChiPACC services.

ChiPACC can be established by virtually any entity (hospice, home care, children's hospital, etc.) willing to and capable of providing the services articulated in the Standards of Care. The ChiPACC Standards of Care provide and ensure consistency in services and quality control. ChiPACC is flexible and based on a core set of Standards and Principles, allowing programs to vary by state.

ChiPACC benefits everyone:

- Child and family: Increases quality of care
- Health care providers: Reimbursed for ChiPACC services
- Health care programs and institutions: Reimbursed for ChiPACC services
- Society: ChiPACC is preventive medicine, decreasing dysfunction within the family, society, allowing families to continue productive lives in their communities

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