

Special Medical Services

Partners in Health



SMS is New Hampshire's Title V program for Children with Special Health care needs. It administers health programs and services for children birth to 21, who have, or are at risk for a chronic medical condition, disability or special health care need. SMS provides leadership in building and promoting community based systems of care and services that is family centered, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent.

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What is Partners in Health (PIH)?

Partners in Health is a free, statewide, community-based program that provides support to young adults and families of children with chronic health conditions, regardless of income. Each regional site has its own Family Council that plans programs and community activities while providing a forum for mutual support.

How does PIH help you, your child, and your family?

- Supports young adults and families in obtaining appropriate community social supports and services
- Offers services related to the impact of chronic physical health conditions on daily living.
- Family Support Coordinators work with families toward more independent, community, and family life.
- Assists young adults and families with identifying and assessing strengths and needs related to chronic health conditions.
- Accesses and identifies available resources and opportunities related to the needs of the young adult and family.

What is the eligibility criterion?

Young adults (ages 18-21) and families of children (birth to 21), regardless of income, with a chronic physical health condition that is expected to last for 12 months or longer **AND** that either

- Significantly affects the young adult's or child's ability to function daily, **OR**
- Requires more frequent and intensive medical care than is typically required, **AND**
- Is not developmental disability, mental illness, obesity or dental condition alone

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