

Do You Want To Help Get Case Management Services for Children with Significant Disabilities?

The Disability Law Project of Vermont Legal Aid wants to get Medicaid funding for case management services for children with significant disabilities. We want to challenge Medicaid's refusal to pay for case management services. We are looking for children and their parents or guardians who could benefit from case management services to help us challenge this policy.

What Can Case Management Do For My Family?

Case management services are those services that can help you and your child gain access to necessary medical, social, and other services. Case management could help you locate, coordinate, and monitor the care that your child needs.

Case managers can help you:

- understand the health needs of your child and maintain your child's health history;
- identify the medical, social, educational, and mental health services your child may need;
- assist you in applying for services that your child is eligible for;
- develop a written comprehensive plan of care;
- arrange for services to be provided and monitor the provision of services;
- follow-up on referrals;
- arrange for transportation, and
- coordinate among service providers.

Does Vermont Medicaid Provide Case Management Services for Children With Disabilities?

No. Right now, Vermont Medicaid does not pay for case management services for most children with significant disabilities except children receiving home and community based waiver services. However, federal law requires Medicaid to pay for case management services for all children when it is medically necessary.

How Could My Child Be Eligible For Case Management Services?

Your child would need to get a prescription from your doctor for case management services. The prescription would probably have to be a letter that describes how the case management is necessary to correct or improve your child's health or abilities by helping your child gain access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services. The Disability Law Project could help your doctor write this letter.

What Would I Need to Do?

- Work with the Disability Law Project in gathering medical, educational, and other records about your child;
- Work with the Disability Law Project to get letters of support from Doctors and health care professionals
- Apply for case management services
- Participate in the Appeals Process

**This is a chance to help change the system for everyone
and to make sure that *all* kids with disabilities get the services they are entitled to.**

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