

Finding Legislative Solutions

LOBBYING FOR QUALITY CARE AT HOME

Families who receive homecare nursing for their child know nurses provide the same high-level, complex care in the home as nurses working in institutional settings, but they are paid less.

Supporting equitable reimbursement was a major focus for PHS this legislative session. Equal pay for home-based and institution-based nurses is essential to ensure that Minnesota continues to provide high-quality care for its pediatric citizens at home.

Additionally, a bill to maintain current Minnesota Medical Assistance (MN MA) reimbursements and eliminate the potential

for 'competitive bidding' was introduced, as well as a proposal to clearly define DME providers as a basic care service provider under state law.

Visit the PHS blog to read updates from Bill Amberg, Government Relations Counsel for PHS, and to find talking points to start conversations with your legislators.

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Thriving at Home

CARE AT HOME TAKES A VILLAGE

This story is dedicated to Paul, who made the world a brighter place.
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Cover Story

Caring for children with medical complexities at home has made Nancy and her partner, Morgan, proficient in running medical

equipment. But, they say it takes a team to keep their children healthy and happy.

“Dietitians, therapists, equipment, and all the little pieces come together to keep these kids going,” says Nancy. “They’re not a medical condition or a piece of equipment. They’re kids who have to use those things to function; but first, they’re kids.”

Tony, Ian, India, Logan, and Kennedy have used PHS services since coming into the home, and all continue to surpass expectations.

“We never thought we’d adopt more than one, then not more than two. I’m never going to say never again,” laughs Nancy.

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Communicating Feedback MANUFACTURERS HEAR CONCERNS

If you have a child who uses DME, you understand there are considerable differences between how equipment works for adults versus children.

That’s why Anthony Scandariato, Purchasing Manager at PHS, works diligently with manufacturers to communicate any feedback we receive from families or clinicians on equipment or supplies.

“PHS’s philosophy has always been to provide cutting-edge technology to children with medical complexities,” says Anthony. “I work as an advocate for the end user, whether that’s relaying feedback to better meet our patients’ needs, or reducing the cost of health care.”

Relaying these concerns means manufacturers are more likely to see trends and make improvements down the road.

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Pharmacy Expansion PHS GROWS WITH ITS PATIENTS

The number of children with medical complexities in Minnesota has significantly increased over the past 10 years. To ensure the infusion needs of these patients continue to be met, PHS recently expanded its pharmacy.

The expansion allows us to serve a larger and increasingly complex patient population with an additional pharmacist coming on staff and improved efficiencies.

“Homecare is playing a larger role in providing for children with medical complexities,” says Jill Liebers, Pharmacist in Charge at PHS. “Thanks to our increased pharmacy capabilities and a rise in infusion therapies that can be delivered at home, we will continue to serve this growing patient population at the highest level possible.”

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Message from Our Medical Director

EPSDT FOR MEDICAID PARTICIPANTS

Medicaid is a joint partnership between the federal government and each state to provide health care funding for low-income individuals. The Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program was developed by Medicaid and is available to improve children’s health.

This program is a mandatory set of services and benefits for all individuals under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. With one in three U.S. children under age six being eligible for Medicaid, your children (medically-complex or not) could be benefiting from this program.

The EPSDT program works with a wide variety of individuals and screens for physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, or vision problems at predetermined intervals. It also assures availability and accessibility of health care resources to help parents/guardians and recipients effectively utilize the services offered.

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