

# Children's Medical Services



## Special services for children with special needs

**Children's Medical Services** (CMS) is a continuum of programs providing children with special health care needs a family-centered and coordinated system of care. As Florida's Title V Program for children with special needs since 1935, CMS continues to provide prevention and intervention services, primary care, medical and therapeutic specialty care, and long term care.

Children with special health care needs are those children under age 21 whose serious or chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions require extensive preventive and maintenance care beyond that required by typically healthy children.

### Children served by CMS:

FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
127,762	131,243	136,468

Our programs serve children in all stages of their life. From birth through transition to adulthood, CMS ensures that children have the tools to grow up healthy and safe.

**Newborn Screening** — Understanding the importance of building a healthy foundation at birth, our Newborn Screening Program provides blood and hearing screenings to test babies born in Florida for certain diseases or conditions. If an abnormality is detected, children are referred for additional treatment. This highly successful prevention program saves lives and money.

**Early Steps** — Offering early intervention services for families with infants and toddlers (aged birth to 36 months), Early Steps provides custom services for children with developmental delays or an established condition likely to result in a developmental delay. Early Steps offices around the state work with community agencies and other providers on the delivery of needed supports and services in a child's natural setting.

**CMS Network** — provides a broad range of medical, therapeutic and supportive services to children with special health care needs and their families. Available services include primary care through a medical home, medical and therapeutic specialty care, a wide range of disease management programs and long term care. With a statewide network of over 5,000 doctors, hospitals, university medical centers, and other health care providers, CMS Network is specially qualified to meet Florida's children's unique health needs. CMS Network is also a proud part of Florida KidCare, Florida's State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

**Child Protection Teams** — medically directed, multidisciplinary statewide program designed to supplement the child protective investigation activities of local Sheriff's offices and the Department of Children and Families in cases of child abuse and neglect. With the founding principle that child maltreatment is a complex issue which requires multidisciplinary review, Child Protection Teams provide expertise in evaluating alleged abuse, assessing risk, and make recommendations to protect children and build safe environments.

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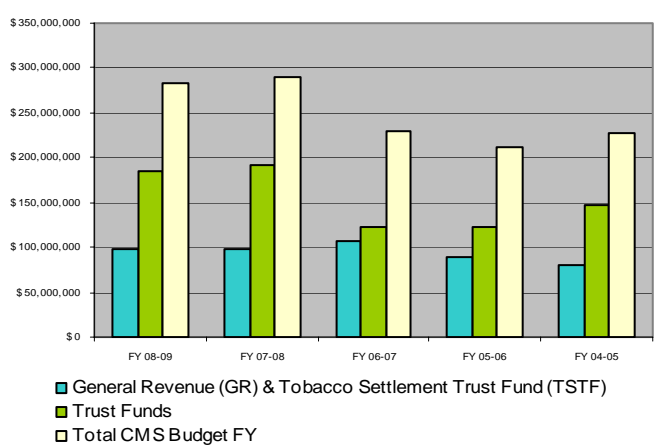
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**Poison Control Centers**— consists of Poison Centers in Tampa, Jacksonville, and Miami; and a data center located in Jacksonville. These nationally accredited centers provide emergency services to the entire state and are operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Poison Information Centers provide information regarding poison exposures to citizens and health practitioners throughout Florida.

*“CMS guides families through their medical care. The understanding and compassion for children this program brings to the table is far ahead of any other program. The structure of this program should be a model for other programs that focus on children.” - CMS parent*

**Telemedicine** - Using special computer equipment that connects children in one area to physicians in another area, CMS is able to provide access to health care services outside of a child's home area. Telemedicine is also used for CMS child abuse medical assessment exams and allows children to be seen by an expert without additional trauma to the child.

### Total CMS Funding:



### Statutory Authority

The CMS Program, within the Department of Health, is established under the following Federal and State statutes:

#### Federal

- Titles V, XIX, and XXI, Social Security Act
- Early Steps: IDEA, Part C, 34 CFR Part 303

#### State

- Children's Medical Services (CMS): Chapter 391, Florida Statutes (F.S.)
- Early Steps: Chapter 391, Florida Statutes (F.S.)
- Child Protection Team (CPT) Program: Chapter 39.303, F.S.
- Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Centers: Chapter 383.15-21, F.S.
- Florida KidCare: Chapters 391.026 and 409.813-409.814, F.S.

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