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Learn more about medical homes at the following web sites:

www.medicalhomeinfo.org

www.medicalhomeimprovement.org

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What is a Medical Home?



How Can It Help Your Child with Special Needs?



A medical home is NOT a building, house or hospital.

In a medical home, a pediatrician or family practice physician coordinates a team to make sure your child gets all the medical and non-medical services needed.

All care in a medical home is family-centered.

This means the medical home:

Recognizes that the family is essential to the child's care

Helps families and professionals work together better

Considers all needs of the child and family – medical, emotional, educational and more

Finds new ways to meet the child and families needs – in the doctor's office and the community

Promotes family support, parent-to-parent connections and networking with other families



Why is a medical home important?

A medical home coordinates health care. In a medical home, there is a written care plan that is shared with all health care providers and the child's family.

Often, a nurse or social worker in the medical home will coordinate care between the primary care doctor and specialists. Information and concerns are shared by everyone caring for the child.

A medical home brings together all the people needed to solve problems. This might include agencies, non-profits that provide services and help families in need, and schools.

Most importantly, a medical home will improve the child's health.

How can you work with your doctor to improve care for your child?

- Talk to your doctor and other providers about ways to improve your child's care.
- Share this brochure with your doctor. You can also request a brochure written especially for health care providers.

Promoting Medical Homes in South Carolina

The State Medical Home Team brings together state agencies, providers, parents and nonprofit representatives who believe this approach to care will benefit children. Thanks to a Title V grant (Children's Rehabilitative Services) from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, educational offerings and resource materials are available to you free of charge. Simply return the attached request card.



A medical home is a better way to provide care for children with special health care needs.



Become an advocate for medical homes!



Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Yes. Send me the medical home brochure for providers.
_____ One Copy _____ Five Copies (ML-025072)

Yes. Send me additional quantities of this brochure to share with other parents.
_____ One Copy _____ Five Copies (ML-025071)

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