



# State Medicaid Programs' Use of the National Standards for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

	Understand Key Elements of Comprehensive Systems of Care for CYSHCN	Develop Medicaid Managed Care Programs and Services	Amend Medicaid Managed Care Contracts	Improve Programs Serving CYSHCN	Identify Areas for Quality Measurement	Identify Areas for Quality Improvement	Guide Strategic Planning	Develop Funding Requests	Waivers	State Plan Amendments	Other Uses	Resources and Citations
AL	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Update the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment screenings to the <a href="#">Bright Futures Alabama</a> recommendations and implement the <a href="#">Alabama Coordinated Health Networks</a> , a care coordination system to improve outcomes and quality.	
AK*	X			X	X	X	X	X				
AZ*	X										Collaborate with the Arizona Department of Health Services Children with Special Health Care Needs Office (Title V CYSHCN program).  Arizona also uses the National Standards as a resource when updating the <a href="#">Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment policy chapter</a> for the agency.	
DE*	X			X							As a framework for building a model of care for children with medical complexities outlined in <a href="#">The Delaware Plan for Managing Health Care Needs of Children with Medical Complexity</a> . This plan, published in 2018, was informed by a Models of Care Workgroup, which used the standards as a foundation to propose an ideal model of care, and guide recommendations for future implementation of the plan.	<b>Citation:</b> <a href="#">NASHP Fact Sheet: How States Use the National Standards for CYSHCN to Strengthen Medicaid Managed Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs</a>
DC*	X											
GA*	X	X	X	X							As a framework for strengthening collaboration across agencies to improve the state's specialized Medicaid managed care program — <a href="#">Georgia Families 360</a> — for children in foster care and the juvenile justice system.	<b>Citation:</b> <a href="#">NASHP Fact Sheet: How States Use the National Standards for CYSHCN to Strengthen Medicaid Managed Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs</a>

											Additionally, Georgia Medicaid, in cooperation with other organizations, used the standards' domains (Access to Care, Transitions of Care, and Care Coordination) to update the state's Medicaid agency policy manual.	
LA*		X	X		X	X					Through a Title V - Medicaid - CHIP <a href="#">Memorandum of Understanding</a> , Louisiana uses the standards to help identify gaps in care with Medicaid and inform policy suggestions to improve care for this population, such as improvement of Medicaid Manual Guidelines, managed care organization contract language, quality measures -- such as advocating for developmental screening, quality of transportation services, network adequacy, definitions of those with special health needs, medical homes, and access to care coordination.	
MA*		X									As a framework for exploring the feasibility of using its new accountable care organization (ACO) model to support transition of youth with special health care needs from pediatric to adult health care settings. Massachusetts is working to develop guidance around strategies to implement transition policies within the ACO structure.	<b>Citation:</b> <a href="#">NASHP Fact Sheet: How States Use the National Standards for CYSHCN to Strengthen Medicaid Managed Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs</a>
MI*	X	X	X						X		<p>The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has implemented several policies in its managed care program that align with the National Standards. These efforts include development of an incentive system to ensure that all children enrolled in the Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) receive Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) (Title V MCH) benefits and are dually enrolled, when eligible. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHPs identify specific case managers to assist their CSHCS beneficiaries. These case managers work to improve access for CSHCS beneficiaries by providing information about available services.</li> <li>• In the area of transition, the MHP contract has added specific health care transition language that ensures MHPs and their medical providers have adopted transition policies and utilize an evidence-informed transition assessment when working with adolescents who are transitioning to adult health care providers.</li> <li>• To ensure adequate care coordination and case management services are available in every county, MDHHS contracts with local health departments. Both the MHP contracts and the health department accreditation program requires each entity to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the other entity that clarifies roles and mutual responsibilities for delivering coordination/case management services.</li> <li>• Within the area of family engagement, the MHP contract language was modified to encourage representation of CYSHCN families on MHP advisory/consumer groups.</li> <li>• In addition, the department provides a family phone line and family center that are staffed by peer educators. The family center works to empower families of children with special health care needs, through education, advocacy training, and peer mentorships.</li> </ul>	

MN*	X											
MT*	X	X				X						
NE*							X					
NV*		X								X		
NJ*	X	X				X						
NM*			X								As a framework for strengthening Medicaid managed care contract language to address the needs of CYSHCN. New Mexico Medicaid and the state Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program officials developed a definition of CYSHCN as outlined in the National Standards to enable the state to better identify CYSHCN and target services to this population within its managed care program. The definition is scheduled to be included in the next round of Medicaid contracts with managed care organizations. This work aligns with the first standard in the National Standards' Identification, Screening, Assessment, and Referral domains that state, "the state system should have a definition of CYSHCN."	<b>Citation:</b> <a href="#">NASHP Fact Sheet: How States Use the National Standards for CYSHCN to Strengthen Medicaid Managed Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs</a>
OK				X	X	X	X				Used when considering options for additional patient/family input as the state reviews its current efforts for CYSHCN.	
SC	X								X		As a source of information as the Operations and Community Options staff review the design of the Children's Community Care Program, which includes the Medically Complex Children's Waiver. The South Carolina Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit requirements include many of the domains of the CYSHCN National Standards, such as providing comprehensive screenings based on the Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule and allowing the coverage of medically necessary benefits.	
TX		X		X								
VA	X		X	X								
WV*			X								As a framework for strengthening Medicaid managed care contract language to address the needs of CYSHCN. To improve coordination between the Title V program and Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO), an interagency team updated a <a href="#">memorandum of understanding</a> , and an associated	<b>Citation:</b> <a href="#">NASHP Fact Sheet: How States Use the National Standards for CYSHCN to Strengthen Medicaid Managed Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs</a>

												data-sharing agreement between Medicaid MCOs and the state Title V program.	
WY	X												

\* The information NASHP compiled about this state has not yet been confirmed by the state's Medicaid agency.