

CHILDREN with MEDICAL COMPLEXITY

Steering Committee

9:00-11:00

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Epilogue: Section 141

- **Section 141 (a):**

Section 1 of this Act provides an appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services, Medicaid and Medical Assistance. Children with medical complexity have intensive needs not easily met by existing health care models. This population is comprised of very high utilizers of health care services, with approximately 6 percent of all children with Medicaid benefits accounting for 40 percent of the costs. Moreover, this population is increasing as a proportion of the total Medicaid population, with approximately two-thirds of all children with medical complexities now covered under Medicaid

- **Section 141 (b):**

In recognition of the importance of managing the care of children with medical complexity who have significant, chronic health problems requiring extensive and coordinated medical care, the Department shall establish a comprehensive plan for managing the health care needs of Delaware's children with medical complexity

- **Section 141 (C):**

In developing such plan, the Department shall seek input from Health Care Providers, Hospitals, Health Systems, Payers, Managed Care Organizations, Social Service Agencies, Consumer Advocacy Organizations representing children with medical complexity, Parent Advocates, any other such organizations as may be necessary.

- **Section 141 (d):**

The Department shall publish the comprehensive plan for children with medical complexities on or before **May 15, 2018**

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Definition (Version 2/16/2018)

Purpose:

To provide a broad definition for the purpose of drafting a plan for meeting the needs of Delaware's children with medical complexity (CMCs) as called for in the FY2018 Budget Epilogue Language. This definition is not intended to serve as the basis for denying or authorizing care and/or payment for care for children served through the Delaware Medicaid Program.

Definition

Children with medical complexity are a subset of children and youth with special health care needs because of their extensive health care utilization. For the purpose of this plan, a child is considered medically complex if she/he falls into two or more of the following categories:

- Having one or more chronic health condition(s) associated with significant morbidity or mortality;
- High risk or vulnerable populations with functional limitations impacting their ability to perform Activities of Daily Living (ADLs);
- Having high health care needs or utilization patterns, including requiring multiple (3 or more) sub-specialties, therapists, and/or surgeries;
- A continuous dependence on technology to overcome functional limitations and maintain a basic quality of life.