

# WHY YOU NEED THE CARE AT HOME PROGRAM



- 1 Care at Home lets families care for a child with long-term physical/developmental disabilities at home.
- 2 Each child gets services based on their own situation and what they need.
- 3 Care at Home is designed to work with other insurance plans so your child's coverage can be as complete as possible.
- 4 You don't have to qualify for Medicaid in order to receive Medicaid funding for your child.

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## WHO WE ARE

The Care at Home (CAH) program provides medical and other kinds of help to families who have a disabled child and need help caring for that child at home. Your child may be eligible if he or she:

- Is less than 18 years of age;
- Is determined physically disabled based on Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) rules;
- Needs the level of care provided in a skilled nursing facility (CAH I) or in a hospital (CAH II), and has developmental disabilities in addition to complicated medical needs (CAH III, IV and VI);
- Can live safely at home and receive the necessary services.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

Care at Home helps pay for medical care your child needs, so kids with a lot of physical/developmental needs can stay at home with their families. Children in the program are enrolled in Medicaid and can get all of the services their doctors require, as long as the services are covered by Medicaid and you go to a doctor or provider that takes Medicaid. The program pays for:

- Respite Care;
- Hospital stays, doctor visits, and clinic services;
- Laboratory tests and X-rays;
- Physical, occupational and speech therapies;
- Transportation to Medicaid-covered medical services as needed;
- Personal care services.

The Care at Home program may assign someone to make sure things are going smoothly and that your child is receiving all of the services he or she needs. If you or other primary caretakers need some time off, extra help will be provided. The program may also pay for medically necessary changes to your home or car that make it easier for your child to live at home.

## CONTACT US

If you have questions or need more information on the Care at Home Program

call  
**929-221-2308**

or call

**311**

or visit

[www.NYC.gov/hra/LTC](http://www.NYC.gov/hra/LTC)

## WHEN YOU APPLY

There are two ways to apply for this program. You can either submit an application through an agency that would help coordinate the services your child receives or through the local office for the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD), depending on how much care your child needs. You will need to fill out both a simple program application and a Medicaid application with supporting documentation for your child if he or she is not already getting Medicaid.

Once your child is approved for Medicaid, a nurse will visit your home to determine if CAH can meet your child's needs and to see if your child can be cared for safely at home.

Please contact the HRA CAH Program Supervisor at 929-221-0849 for a list of case management agencies or the contact information for the local OMRDD borough office.

