

Medicaid Coverage

Family Opportunity Act Medicaid

ldh.la.gov/page/family-opportunity-act-medicaid

Provides health coverage to children with disabilities in families that earn too much income to qualify for Medicaid or LaCHIP.

Children's Choice Medicaid Waiver

ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/218

Offers supplemental support to children with developmental disabilities. Participants are eligible for all medically necessary Medicaid services, support coordination, family support services and center-based respite care.

Healthy Louisiana

ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/subhome/48

The way the majority of Louisiana's Medicaid and LaCHIP recipients receive their healthcare services. Coverage includes hospital and doctor visits, medical transportation, therapies, medications, rehabilitative services and other medical care.

Medicaid Health Plans

myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose/compare-plans

Medicaid health plans manage medical care for Healthy Louisiana enrollees. The plans offer additional resources or services for pregnant women who have a diagnosis of a fetal genetic abnormality and for children born with a disability. Enrollees are encouraged to review each plan and the services offered, as services vary by plan. For help choosing the right plan for you, call the Medicaid hotline at 1-888-342-6207.

LaMOMS Medicaid Program

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LaMOMS, a special-eligibility Medicaid program for pregnant women, provides no-cost healthcare coverage for pregnancy-related services, including doctor visits, lab work, prescription medicines, delivery, hospital care and coverage for up to 60 days after pregnancy.



Community Partners

March of Dimes

marchofdimes.org

Researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates with the March of Dimes work together to improve premature births, birth defects and low birth weight babies.

The Genetic Alliance

geneticalliance.org

The Genetic Alliance is a national coalition of consumers, professionals and genetic support groups who voice the common concerns of children, adults and families living with, and at risk for, genetic conditions.

Families Helping Families

ldh.la.gov/page/FamiliesHelpingFamilies

Families Helping Families is a network of individual, non-profit, family-driven resource centers. They are a group of families, who, through their own experiences, promote advocacy and are committed to reaching other families who have members with disabilities.

Online: ldh.la.gov/Genetics ✨



Act 563 of 2016 of the Louisiana Legislature requires LDH to provide an informational document including resources, programs and services for pregnant women who have a diagnosis of fetal genetic abnormality and for infants and children born with disabilities.

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**HAS YOUR BABY
BEEN DIAGNOSED
WITH A GENETIC
DISORDER DURING
PREGNANCY?**



What is a genetic abnormality?

Genetic abnormalities are defects, diseases or other disorders that are caused by a person's genes. Genes are the building blocks of the body. They give instructions to the body's cells to control how someone's body will look or work. When a baby is conceived, he or she inherits a set of genes from each parent.

The genes combine and match up while the baby is still in the mother's body. A genetic disorder can result when the genes match up in a way that causes a problem in the body. It can be inherited from a parent, or it can happen on its own. It is important to talk to your doctor about what to expect if your baby is found to have a genetic disorder.

Fortunately, many children with a disorder can live very happy and high-quality lives, and there are many resources, programs and services in place to help families.

Where can I find help for myself and my baby once a genetic disorder is diagnosed?

Learning that your child has a genetic disorder can be overwhelming. Fortunately, there are community agencies, non-profit organizations and state programs that can assist people with getting services, information, medical treatment, genetic testing, counseling and education about genetic disorders.



Louisiana Department of Health

Louisiana Genetic Diseases Program

ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/465

Diagnoses, counsels and treats those with genetic disorders. Clinics provide genetic testing, genetic counseling, education, treatment and referrals.

Children's Special Health Services

ldh.la.gov/cshs

Assists children and youth who have special health care needs. Services include clinic-based care and care coordination.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1920

Provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities, including public and private residential services.

Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring Network Family Resource Hub

ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3017

Provides information about programs and services for children with special healthcare needs. Also provides information about local and national resources for families.

EarlySteps

ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/139

Provides services to families with infants and toddlers who have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay, or who have developmental delays. Most genetic disorders make a child eligible for EarlySteps.

Partners for Healthy Babies

1800251baby.org/parent

Provides a helpline and website connecting women and families to resources and information regarding pregnancy and parenthood. Confidential, available 24/7 and offered in Spanish.