

Medical Care for Children

Additional information on medical care for children, including vision and hearing, to share with parents. Check websites as other areas are also covered in many cases (pharmacy, dental, counseling, OT/PT, speech therapy, etc.).

Referral sources for medical, vision and hearing:

1. Healthy Kids and Kids Care

telephone number: 1-888-540-5437

website: www.healthykids.org

Insurance for the uninsured ages 1-18 years (ages 1-4 years is MediKids; ages 5- through age 18 years is HealthyKids; under age 1 is through Medicaid)

Provides medical care for uninsured children. Not eligible for this coverage if on Medicaid, being a non-citizen or a child of a state employee (see website).

Covers medical, vision and hearing, including eyeglasses and hearing aids. See website for other areas of coverage (dental, behavioral health, OT/PT, speech therapy, etc.).

2. Central Florida Health Care, Inc.-3 locations in Polk County: Lakeland, Dundee and Frostproof. Provides medical care for children and adults on a sliding scale basis, based on the family income. Some offices have pharmacies and dentists.

website: www.cfhconline.org. The telephone numbers for the various sites are: 413-8600 (Lakeland), 419-3330 (Dundee) and 635-4891 (Frostproof).

3. Medicaid- telephone number (863)678-6400 or 1-800-226-2316

website: www.MyFlorida.com/accessflorida

Covers medical, vision and hearing, including eyeglasses and hearing aids. Uses a network of physicians, pediatricians and specialists. Must be financially eligible.

4. Children's Medical Services (CMS)

4718 Old Highway 37

Lakeland, FL 33813

telephone number: (863)701-1151

website: www.cms-kids.com

For children with special health care needs only (see website) under the age of 21 years. Covers medical, vision and hearing, including eyeglasses and hearing aids. Uses a network of physicians, pediatricians and specialists. Must meet clinical requirements.

5. The Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine

1021 Lakeland Hills Blvd

Lakeland, FL 33805

telephone number: (863)688-5846

website: www.lvim.net

Covers the working uninsured unless under Polk Health Care. Now covers all of

Polk County, not just Lakeland. Includes medical, vision and hearing. Can refer for eyeglasses, but does not cover hearing aids. Must be financially eligible. For children with special health care needs only (see website) under the age of 21 years. Covers medical, vision and hearing, including eyeglasses and hearing aids. Uses a network of physicians, pediatricians and specialists. Must meet clinical requirements.