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The Caring Program for Children Guidelines

The Caring Program for Children's Mission:

To enhance the quality of life for children in our community by providing durable medical equipment and related items that otherwise could not be afforded by the child's family and are not covered by state or federal programs or by private insurance.

Who does The Caring Program Serve?

Children 18 or under who reside in counties served by Blue KC, when state or federal programs or private insurance does not cover.

Who should request assistance?

Only third party professionals such as, social workers, counselors, teachers, etc. may request assistance on behalf of a child. We ask the professional to qualify the child regarding their need and verify that other resources have been eliminated. Subsequently, a request form should be completed and returned to Blue KC for review.

Should a parent contact The Caring Program for Children directly, we will put them in contact with an appropriate a third party professional.

What assistance should be requested?

Durable medical equipment and other health-related items that The Caring Program for Children may provide are not narrowly defined. We strive to meet the needs to children on a case-by-case basis. Examples of health care needs that will be considered for funding include wheelchairs, braces, feeding devices, insulin pumps and prescription drugs exceeding benefit limits.

How is assistance allocated?

Requests are reviewed by the Vice President, Community Relations on a daily basis. She may approve requests up to \$500. Other requests are reviewed by the Advisory Board on a monthly basis. The Board has also established an emergency response procedure.

In any case, only the provider is paid, no check will be written to the third party professional, parents or child.

Can multiple requests be made for the same child?

Yes, if continued or new circumstances warrant additional assistance.

How are we notified regarding the status of our request?

Laura Palermo, Community Relations Coordinator will contact you after receiving your request. For requests under \$500, allow one to two weeks, other requests will be notified within one month. If your request is approved, you will receive a verification notification.

Submitting an application:

Please complete the application form and include an invoice and tax ID number from the manufacturer. Contact Laura Palermo, Community Relations Coordinator (816-395-2792) with any questions you might have regarding the application process.