

Medical Services

❖ **Main website to find help** is <https://georgia.findhelp.com/> Put in your zip code and then click on the tabs at the top of the page to find help in various categories.

❖ **_Children's Medical Services (CMS)**

The Children's Medical Services program supports families caring for children with special health care needs. CMS works with health care providers and community partners to make sure children and youth with chronic medical conditions have access to timely and quality health care services. This program provides:

- Supports improved health and wellness for children and youth with special health care needs
- Provides early and continuous screening for children with special health care needs
- Connects children and youth to a medical home and adequate health insurance
- Help families manage their appointments and follow up treatments with health care providers and vendors
- Shares community resources with families
- Supports adolescents move from pediatric to adult health care

Children who are enrolled in Medicaid or PeachCare, who receive SSI, and who are in foster care are financially eligible for CMS services. Those who are below age 5 can apply through the Children 1st program. Those who are above age 5 can still download the Children's First referral form, complete, and return to their nearest CMS location.

Call [1-888-457-4769](tel:1-888-457-4769) or go to programs website <https://dph.georgia.gov/CMS>

❖ **Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP)**

The COMP waiver program serves individuals with Intellectual/ Developmental disabilities with more intensive needs requiring comprehensive and intensive services and need out-of-home residential support and supervision or intensive levels of in-home services to remain in the community. Primarily provides residential care for individuals.

Eligibility:

- o Must be categorically eligible Medicaid recipient
- o Have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability and/or a closely related condition
- o Individuals currently receiving the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that is reimbursable under the State Plan, and for whom home- and community-based services are determined to be an appropriate alternative.
- o Individuals who are likely to require the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that would be reimbursable under the State Plan in the absence of home- and

community-based services that are determined to be an appropriate alternative.
Call [404-657-5468](tel:404-657-5468) or
<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/waiver-programs>

❖ **Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) Waiver**

The Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) serves eligible children under 21 years of age who are medically fragile with multiple system diagnoses and in need of medically necessary skilled nursing care and/or medically necessary personal care support. Services are provided in their homes and communities. Call 404-657-7882 or
<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/waiver-programs>

❖ **Children 1st**

Children 1st offers developmental screening, education, and linkage to services and resources for children from birth to age 5 who are at risk of developmental delay. The Children 1st Program is dedicated to providing families with resources and services to support healthy growth and development in children. Call 706-227-7191 or
<https://dph.georgia.gov/children1st>

❖ **Babies Can't Wait**

Early Intervention The Babies Can't Wait early intervention program builds upon and provides support and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday opportunities. **Eligibility:** Must have a developmental delay and/or a certain diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in delays. This program helps people who are younger than 3 years old. Must reside in Georgia.
Those who are interested can start by accessing Children 1st by completing the Children 1st Screening and Referral Form. Anyone can make a referral to Babies Can't Wait, including but not limited to parents, physicians, childcare providers, teachers, social workers, and other pediatric clinicians. Next Steps: Get a referral from Children 1st to apply on their website <https://dph.georgia.gov/children1st>

❖ **Primary Health Care Services by MedLink Georgia**

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that delivers affordable, accessible, quality, and value-based primary health care to everyone in our community regardless of their ability to pay. Our work helps to deliver care to the nation's most vulnerable individuals and families, including people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, residents of public housing, and the nation's veterans.

This program provides:

- High quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary care
- Supportive services such as health education, translation, and transportation
- Connections to pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health services

Medlink accepts Medicaid and Medicare. Uninsured or underinsured (patients with high out-of-pocket expenses) pay for care at MedLink's centers based on a sliding scale determined according to household size and income. All languages supported through video/audio interpreting services. Call 770-867-6633

<https://medlinkga.org/services/primary-care/>

❖ **Diabetic Supplies by Affordable Diabetic**

Affordable Diabetic offers a variety of diabetic supplies at a reduced cost to individuals and families. The program offers diabetic test strips, blood glucose monitors, and lancets. <https://affordablediabetic.org/>

❖ **Simple and Affordable Virtual Health Care by Revive Healthcare**

Anyone can access this program.

Revive Health provides you with the care you want, the medications you need, and supports your well-being with a simple, convenient, and affordable plan that is right for anyone.

This program provides:

- Virtual basic health care
- Free generic medications (over 425 included in membership)

Services include:

- 24/7 virtual urgent care
- Virtual primary care
- Virtual pediatric care
- Virtual mental health care
- Virtual physical therapy
- Virtual financial wellness
- Pharmacy care & prescriptions
- Wellness & health promotion

Membership starts at \$28.50 per month for an individual. They offer other plans for people to choose from to meet additional health needs and cover more family members. Call 888-220-6650.

<https://revive.health/>

❖ **Health Care Services by Mercy Health Center**

Must be uninsured or at or below 150% of the Federal poverty level.

Must be a resident of one of the following Counties: Clarke, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, or Oglethorpe.

Description: Mercy Health Center provides free health care services to low income and uninsured residents of Clarke, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, and Oglethorpe Counties.

Services include:

- Medical care
- Dental care
- Behavioral health care
- Pharmacy services

Services are provided free of charge, although every patient is given the opportunity to contribute to their care either through financial donations or volunteering.

You must be an established medical patient to receive dental or behavioral health care. Call 706-425-9445. <https://www.mercyhealthcenter.net/>

❖ **Medical Debt and Hospital Bill Financial Assistance by Dollar For**

This program serves those that are unable to pay their hospital bills.

Description: WHAT IS CHARITY CARE?

Most hospitals offer discounts or bill forgiveness based on income. This is called “charity care.” A hospital bill for \$15,000 could become \$150 — or even \$0.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR CHARITY CARE?

Each hospital runs its own charity care program. Each decides how patients must apply and who qualifies. On average, a family of 4 earning less than \$100,000 a year will qualify.

HOW DOES DOLLAR FOR HELP?

Dollar For helps you apply for financial assistance from your hospital. We don’t pay your bills — we get the hospital to forgive them. Our services are completely free.

Languages:English, Spanish

Cost:Free

Next Steps:

Apply on their website

Website: <https://forms.dollarfor.org/?aid=findhelp&sid1=national>

❖ **The Hope Clinic**

The Hope clinic is a 501©3 Christian nonprofit, that specializes in internal medicine and primary care. The Hope Clinic strives to provide the highest standard in medical care to patients who are uninsured, underinsured, or indigent. As an internal medicine clinic, The Hope Clinic concentrates on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of many chronic illnesses. Since 2002, the Hope Clinic has provided quality, comprehensive medical services in Gwinnett County,

regardless of a patient's income or insurance status. Patients are not turned away because of their inability to pay but are expected to partner with the Hope Clinic to help cover the costs of care provided.

Medical or scheduling questions MUST be directed to The Hope Clinic by phone at 770-685-1300 ext. 221. Website <https://www.hopeclinicgwinnett.info>

❖ **Piedmont Athens Regional Clay Community Care Clinic**

The Piedmont Athens Regional Clay Community Care Clinic accepts all adult patients regardless of insurance status--no patient is too ill for us. We aim to provide patient-centered comprehensive care.

Our mission is "to provide quality access and continuity of care to the patients we serve." Phone Number 706-475-7055.

Website

https://www.care.piedmont.org/locations/location-details/practice/1266?utm_source=directorylisting&utm_medium=seo&utm_campaign=10223&y_source=1_MT15OTY4MDU0tNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndlYnNpdGU%3D

❖ **Good Samaritan Health Services**

MEDICAL CARE

This includes sick visits, annual checkups, physical exams, and wellness visits. We also perform vision, hearing, dental, and nutrition screenings and immunizations for school enrollment.

DENTAL CARE

We offer full restorative dental care including tooth and gum cleanings, simple extractions, fillings, bridges, crowns, full and partial dentures. Additional services are offered as available.

COUNSELING

Christian mental health counseling is available to all patients.

SPECIALTY MEDICAL

Volunteer specialists see patients on a limited basis for orthopedics, physical therapy, ophthalmology, gynecology, cardiology, pulmonology, podiatry, psychiatry, and others as available.

OUR FEES

Good Sam believes that all people should have access to quality healthcare, regardless of their economic status. This belief allows Good Sam patients to pay according to their ability.

Go to the website for registration and information.

<https://goodsamatlanta.org/patients/patientguide/>

❖ **The Athens Nurses Clinic**

The Athens Nurses Clinic is a non-profit 501(c)(3) healthcare clinic providing free evaluation, treatment, and education for acute and chronic medical and dental conditions to uninsured low-and-no income residents of Athens-Clarke County and the surrounding communities. Phone: 706-613-6976.

<https://athesnursesclinic.org/wp/>

❖ **Fish Medical**

Physician services for Uninsured Individuals M-Wed and 1/2 Day on Thurs
678-635-8378