Children’s Health Information Red Pack (CHIRP)

EMSC has worked with many of our partners to create a registry for children with complicated healthcare needs. This is the Children’s Health Information Red Pack (CHIRP) Program.

**Purpose:** to provide a way of giving key emergency health information to EMS responding to a call on a child with special healthcare needs (CSHCN) in order to improve the care of these children.

**Who does it serve?**

- **Parents of CSHCN**
  - Once enrolled, a parent can easily update their child’s changing medical needs, medications, and recommendations online. Knowing that their child has up-to-date information available to anyone caring for their child can give them peace of mind.

- **EMS**
  - It satisfies the HIPPA requirements to allow you (the EMS provider) access to medical information on a particular child in your service area, a child that you will likely have to respond to. It also promotes easy access to current key information when you get that call.

**Who can be enrolled? Children with...**

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<td>Ventilator dependency – CPAP / BIPAP</td>
<td>Congenital heart disease</td>
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<td>Severe asthma with past admittance to ICU</td>
<td>Severe Autism</td>
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<td>Complex respiratory and cardiology needs</td>
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<td>Neurologically compromised</td>
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**What happens after they are enrolled?**

- The information will be reviewed by the EMSC Clinical Consultant RN
- Parents will be sent the following at no charge;
  - A letter explaining the program
  - Two document vials to store current copies of the Health Information Sheet
    - One to go in the red pack to be kept with the child at all times
    - The other to go in the door of the refrigerator (most homes have one)
  - An EMSC sticker for the inside of the main door at the child’s residence
  - An EMSC magnet for the fridge containing the vial
- In the program letter we will give parents the contact information for the EMS agencies in their home zone and encourage them to educate local providers
- EMSC is working on a way to “flag” these homes in the dispatch system

**For more information**

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**Parents are sent two vials to keep up-to-date medical info in. One to stay with the child in the red bag, the other to be kept in the fridge of the child’s home**

**You will find an EMSC sticker on the inside of the door, signaling that up-to-date medical info is kept in a vial in the fridge**

**A magnet is placed on the fridge containing the vial**

**HOW TO ENROLL A CHILD**

For on-line completion and updating of the Emergency Health Information Sheet go online to:

www.health.utah.gov/ems/ems