

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

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ATTN: CHIP PROVIDERS

“PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION FOR CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS” FORM TO BE COMPLETED VIA ADOBE E-SIGN

In Pennsylvania, children under the age of 18 with certain disabilities or special health needs may qualify for Medical Assistance (also known as Medicaid), regardless of parental income. This eligibility is called PH-95, “Children with Special Needs.” The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services requires Highmark to review billing and claims management information to identify any child that may be potentially eligible for PH-95 Medical Assistance.

Beginning in **July 2021**, Highmark will send a “**Physician Certification for Child with Special Needs**” form to all providers who are seeing patients who Highmark believes are eligible for the Medicaid PH-95 program. These forms will be sent to your email using Adobe e-Sign¹. This process will automatically provide a copy for your records and allow you to attach documents to the Adobe form, if desired.

If a child is identified as eligible for Medical Assistance per PH-95, the child will be referred to the Central Unit at County Assistance where the information will be reviewed and a determination made.

IMPORTANT: Once the Adobe e-Sign process begins, the FAX form process will be discontinued.

Highmark must have a valid office email on file to send the forms. We will call each office to confirm their email address prior to sending.

COMPLETING THE FORM

Treating providers must be a psychologist, physician, or medical professional under the physician’s supervision and authority (e.g. physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner), and the treating physician is required to note if the child is:

- Not considered disabled,
- Temporarily disabled for less than 12 months,
- Temporarily disabled for MORE than 12 months, or
- Permanently disabled.



Additionally, the treating provider must supply the date, name of each diagnosis (the ICD-10 code and the description), any functional limitations and their impacts, and treating their signature on the form.

¹Highmark's vendor Dasher, Inc. will call your office prior to sending the Adobe e-Sign form to get your current email address. You can expect a phone call from one of these numbers:

- North Eastern PA: **570-507-8949**
- Central PA: **717-839-5506**
- Western PA: **412-530-1800**