

# Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) Clinic Transitions

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## Overview

Continuing a tradition of ensuring access to healthcare services for children with special health care needs, the CSHS Program is currently planning to transition clients in areas of the state where there is adequate physician coverage to provide the sub-specialty care that is currently received by your child. For the past couple of years, program leadership has transitioned children to private providers as opportunities arose. OPH leadership is committed to ensuring that each child receives the care coordination needed while transitioning to the new clinic. As previously mentioned, Dr. Susan Berry and her team have carefully made similar clinic transitions in the past and have developed a thorough process to ensure each child will continue to receive needed services.

## The FY14 Budget

Unlike previous transitions that have occurred outside of the budget process, this proposal is happening as a part of the FY14 proposed budget. These transitions have a reduction of \$794,000 for FY 2014 beginning in July 2013. Clinic transitions in several regions and contract reductions will realize the reduction. In order to minimize the impact of the cut, CSHS will transition 10 clinics where there are other providers in the regions who can provide sub-specialty services for the children.

## How We Are Ensuring Children will be Served in FY14

Regions with no clinic transitions:

- Region 3 – Houma/Thibodeaux
- Region 6 - Alexandria
- Region 7 - Shreveport
- Region 8 – Monroe

## CLINIC TRANSITIONS:

### Region 1 New Orleans

- CSHS clinics were closed December 2010.
- A Family Resource Center was set up at Children's Hospital to assist families with finding needed resources throughout the state. This model is working very effectively for our patients in the New Orleans area.

### Region 2 - Baton Rouge

Ortho:

- 2 pediatric orthopedic clinics- (153 patients) Dr. Gonzalez will transition patients to Children's Hospital Baton Rouge Clinic
- 1 Scoliosis Clinic- (100 patients) Dr. Fierson will not take most of these patients into his private practice. Dr. Gonzalez will take the remaining patients.

Cleft Lip and Palate: (19 patients) This clinic meets quarterly.

Options include-

1. Women's Hospital Cleft Lip and Palate clinic- no charge for clinic visit; some of teams accept Medicaid and private insurance for surgery; meets quarterly. Drs. Dean and Petit will continue to follow patients here.
2. Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at Children's Hospital in New Orleans (accepts private insurance and Medicaid).
3. Dr. Hetzler at OLOL is certified in both ENT and plastic surgery.

#### Region 4 - Lafayette

- Neurosurgery- (53 patients) Dr. Green will transition patients to Burdin Riehl Children's Hospital Clinic in Lafayette.
- Urology- (29 patients) Drs. Ortenberg and Roth will see patients at Burdin Riehl.

#### Region 5 – Lake Charles

- Neurosurgery- (34 patients) Dr. Greene will see patients at the Children's Clinic of Southwest Louisiana.
- Urology- (6 patients) This clinic meets twice a year. Dr. Fontenot's patients will be seen at Burden Riehl Clinic in Lafayette.

#### Region 9 - Hammond

- Neurology- (12 patients) Dr. Nadell is retiring. His patients will go to Children's Hospital, Baton Rouge CSHS Neurosurgery Clinic, and University Hospital.
- Ophthalmology- (19 patients) Dr. Gordon's patients will have the option of going to the CSHS ophthalmology clinic in Baton Rouge or to Dr. Gordon's clinic at Tulane.

#### **What It Means for Your Child and Your Family**

- No child will be left without care.
- Some children may need to switch to Bayou Health if they currently have Medicaid and will no longer attend a CSHS clinic. We will work closely with you to make the right decisions for you.
- Some children with Bayou Health may need to switch health plans if the new provider is not on their current plan.