

AUTOMATED INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (AINS) OVERVIEW

AINS is a computerized system for identifying and following Medicaid eligible children birth through 20 years of age with regard to their activities in the health care system. It enables Health Check Program Staff across the state to determine which Medicaid eligible children in their respective counties are receiving regular and periodic Health Check screenings, immunizations, and referrals for special health care problems. The system also sends notices to parents of Medicaid eligible children providing information on the Health Check Program, scheduled screening appointments, missed appointments, immunizations and available programs and services.

Information to operate the AINS is obtained from two sources:

1. Medicaid (paid) claims submitted by providers who perform Health Check screenings or treat children.
2. The Eligibility Information System within the Department of Health and Human Resources, which contains data on Medicaid eligibility.

AINS uses factors such as age, degree of interaction with the health care system, and medical diagnoses to prioritize children by risk categories. Such prioritization allows Health Check staff to schedule contacts with parents of high-risk children first. This is especially helpful in counties that have numerous Medicaid eligible children. It is also used to obtain the address, phone number and head of household of Medicaid eligible children needing to be contacted. The report is reviewed to identify children with missed diagnostic referrals and children who have not been screened or who have missed screenings. These children are then followed according to priorities and procedures detailed in the Health Check Policy.

Each Health Check Coordinator can choose which AINS reports will be generated for the county, how the reports will be accessed, and in some cases, which notifications will be sent to parents of Medicaid eligible children in the county. Notification letters, calculations of risk, and information reports are updated monthly.