

## **F. AUTOMATED INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (AINS)**

The Health Check Automated Information and Notification System (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. The information provided by AINS includes children receiving Health Check screenings as well as other medical services.

Information to operate AINS is obtained from two sources: (1) the Eligibility Information System (EIS) within the Department of Health and Human Services and (2) Medicaid paid claims submitted by Medicaid providers. The information derived from EIS and Medicaid claims is referred to as the “AINS data”, meaning it is the information that is gathered and maintained in the AINS Data Shell Program.

From the data collected, monthly notification letters, calculations of risk levels for children, and information reports are generated. AINS data is downloaded (monthly) from the AINS database and transferred electronically to the NC Community Care, Inc. Informatics Center mailbox for the HCCs to retrieve. Thus, all HCCs receive updated information for Health Check recipients monthly.

AINS provides information on Medicaid eligible children to HCCs in their respective counties. The AINS system sends notifications to the parents or head of household of these children. The notifications include information regarding the Health Check Program, the screening schedule for Health Check screenings and/or any scheduled appointments.

The AINS Program prioritizes children by risk categories. Such prioritization allows Health Check staff to set priorities for outreaching. This is especially helpful in counties that have a high population of Medicaid-eligible children.