

# Speak Out for Our Children Now

Letters sent in November to key State officials and administrators brought to light philosophical differences in interpretation of the new Georgia state law that created the Children's Transition Care Centers (CTCC) licensure. Therefore, in the 2010 legislative session, Representative Clay Cox (District 102) and Representative Melvin Everson (District 106) introduced new legislation to amend the reimbursement structure for the State Medicaid Program for children to include the CTCC licensure under Georgia's Medicaid Plan. Passage of this bill will allow Medicaid to reimburse for skilled nursing in a CTCC facility.

House Bill 922 ([www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009\\_2010/sum/hb922.htm](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009_2010/sum/hb922.htm)) has been assigned to the Georgia House Committee on Children and Youth. **HB922 will be presented in this committee sometime the week of February 8-12, 2010. It is critical these committee members hear from you before the meeting.**

You will find a form letter on page three to cut and paste into the body of an email, or print out and sign, then fax or mail.

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Hello,

I am a concerned, tax-paying citizen of Georgia. I am writing to ask that you support Georgia House Bill 922 ([www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009\\_2010/sum/hb922.htm](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009_2010/sum/hb922.htm)) to include the new *Children's Transition Care Licensure* (CTCC) under Georgia's Medicaid Plan for children.

Passage of this bill will allow Medicaid to reimburse for skilled nursing in a CTCC facility.

CTCC's need reimbursement for the skilled nursing care provided in order to safely and effectively care for Georgia's medically fragile children — especially foster children who are all covered by Medicaid as their sole source of health insurance.

Since many of Georgia's medically fragile children are wards of the State, it is appropriate for the State Medicaid Plan to provide access and coverage of the nursing required to care for the children...vulnerable children for whom they are responsible.

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