

special needs children in HealthChoice, including REM, and to enable children to retain their current primary care and specialty network of providers when these services are delivered by qualified individuals in accordance with the guiding principles of the REM program and it is in the best interests of the child to maintain that relationship.

A. The criteria for REM eligibility shall be adjusted to include consideration of the following factors:

1. chronicity of the condition;
2. need to access multiple specialty providers;
3. complex medical and, habilitative, and rehabilitative needs;
4. increased need for continuity of care; and
5. needs that are compounded by psychosocial or medical factors that interfere with the caregiver's ability to manage the individual's medical care.

B. The Children with Special Needs Advisory Committee, in consultation with the REM Committee Chair, will recommend to the Secretary which additional diagnostic groups should be added or deleted from the program.

B. C. The Children with Special Needs Advisory Committee, in consultation with the REM Committee Chair, will recommend to the Secretary standards for the qualification of case managers for children with special needs, including experience and expertise of case managers and guiding principles of case management for children with special needs including those in REM. The Committee will also recommend to the Secretary the method and criteria by which children are assigned to case managers with appropriate expertise.