

Georgia Enhanced Care Program

Improving Health Outcomes, Reducing Costs

“The Georgia Enhanced Care program focuses on educating Medicaid members about disease management, which in turn leads to a more effective treatment plan and a healthier quality of life.”

— Governor Sonny Perdue
State of Georgia

“The Georgia Enhanced Care program... represents an exciting new model of community focused, multi-level intervention (patient, practitioner and system), designed to reduce Medicaid costs by reducing suffering and improving health outcomes in this high disparity population.”

— David Satcher, M.D.
former U.S. Surgeon
General

Program Overview

- Serves more than 39,000 aged, blind and disabled (ABD) Medicaid members in metro Atlanta and northern Georgia
 - 85% of members have chronic and multiple conditions coupled with complex psychosocial and socioeconomic issues; 50% have mental illness
- Provides comprehensive disease management, continuity of care and medical services
 - Focus on managing chronic conditions, improving quality of care and promoting behavior that leads to better health outcomes, optimizing the state’s Medicaid expenditures
 - Offered by the Georgia Department of Community Health, and administered by APS Healthcare since 2005; designed in partnership with the National Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine

Key Outcomes and Accomplishments

By helping Medicaid members access quality healthcare, manage disease, overcome barriers and change unhealthy behaviors, the Georgia Enhanced Care program improves health outcomes and reduces long-term healthcare costs for the state.

- **Contributed to more than \$80 million in Georgia Medicaid cost stabilization** (outcomes validated by Mercer Government Human Services Consulting)
- Awarded “Best Government Disease Management Program” (2007) and “Best Provider Engagement Initiative” (2006) by DMAA: The Care Continuum Alliance
- Recognized by Health Industries Research Companies and the Disease Management Purchasing Consortium as one of the “Most Effective Medicaid DM” programs in the U.S. (2007)



“This is a wonderful, collaborative partnership with APS. Our physicians, staff and patients work directly with APS health coaches. Through this interaction, the patients receive disease education, medication management and most importantly, alternatives for care when they are discharged from the hospital.”

— Leon Haley, M.D.,
Chief of Emergency Medicine
Grady Health System