

10 Things You Should Know About The...



CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AT THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY

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What is the model for the Children's Specialty Hospital?

The Children's Specialty Hospital at The Center for Discovery will be built on the model of intensive assessment and treatment. The hospital will provide specialized assessment and short-term care for children with complex disabilities, along with support and training for their families, caregivers, and school districts. This statewide resource for short-term stays will allow children to transition back to their home – and into their communities – which will reduce the need for long-term residential care. Essentially, this is a short-term, intensive residential treatment program.

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How do patients get referred to the Specialty Hospital?

Anyone being admitted into the hospital has to be referred and approved by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). They must have a developmental disability. The hospital will not admit individuals who have not been referred and the hospital will not be open to the general public.

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What is the length of stay for patients at the Specialty Hospital?

Once the hospital opens in 2021, children with OPWDD approval can be admitted to the facility for up to a maximum of six months.

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What does a Specialty Hospital of this kind mean for New York State?

The hospital is expected to save New York State millions of dollars each year, by reducing the need for long-term residential care. The hospital will also ensure that families have the necessary tools to stay together longer; care providers have a better understanding of managing their patients; and, school districts have a more comprehensive plan regarding how to educate children with complex conditions within their own district, along with assisting them in developing a broader range of functional skills.

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Are there opportunities for out-of-state individuals to be admitted into the Specialty Hospital?

At this time, there are no beds available for individuals who live out of state; however, The Center for Discovery may build private beds for national and international clients who require comprehensive, integrated bio-behavioral and environmental assessments.

- 6 What could the Specialty Hospital mean for the nation?**
If the model of this Specialty Hospital were expanded and replicated, the benefits could be felt by millions of people. In addition to significant cost savings that would be achieved by reducing the need for long-term residential care, there would be a tremendous improvement in outcomes for individuals, families, and school districts across the country. A short-term, intensive assessment and treatment option is a crucial missing link for millions of children with complex disabilities and fully developing this complex care model could transform the standard of care in this country.
- 7 Will there be places for families to stay if their child is being cared for in the Specialty Hospital?**
Absolutely. Appropriate accommodations will be made available, as families are expected to actively participate in many portions of their child's assessment and treatment.
- 8 What will it cost for families with a child who is admitted into the Specialty Hospital?**
The cost will be covered by OPWDD through the NYS Medicaid program. Therefore, the cost of assessment and treatment will be of no charge to families.
- 9 Will a child attend school while in the Specialty Hospital?**
Yes. There will be a state-certified school program available as part of the hospital; however, the child's IEP will not change with the pre-admission school placement remaining as the school placement.
- 10 Will any person receiving services at The Center for Discovery be eligible for care at the Specialty Hospital?**
All individuals cared for by The Center for Discovery will benefit from the comprehensive research initiatives and advancements in care that the hospital is expected to support. Placement for more intensive assessment and treatment will be overseen by OPWDD.

About The Center for Discovery: The Center for Discovery (TCFD) is a leading provider of healthcare and education services for more than 1,200 children and adults with complex conditions, medical frailties and Autism Spectrum Disorders, located 90 miles northwest of New York City. Named a Center of Excellence in 2016, TCFD has long been a leader in developing new models of care for individuals with complex conditions. On 1,500 acres of land in Sullivan County, TCFD houses school campuses, residences, medical and research facilities, organic and biodynamic farmland, and leased private businesses. Deeply focused on an individual's personal potential and possibilities, rather than a disability, TCFD strives to create better care and unique and challenging opportunities for the most vulnerable populations.

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