

OVERVIEW

Access to healthcare services for pregnant women and infants affected by Zika virus is critical to help ensure they receive the coordinated care they need. Improved access to care can facilitate early identification of developmental delays in infants and children, potentially reduce the long-term effect of Zika on children and families, and give children the best chance to reach their full potential.

Zika Care Connect (ZCC) aims to improve access to specialty healthcare services for the management of Zika virus infection during pregnancy and outcomes in infants caused by Zika. The program will target the most important and removable barriers to care, as identified by maternal and pediatric care experts. **ZCC** focuses on women infected with Zika during pregnancy, as well as infants born to mothers with laboratory evidence of Zika.

Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and maintained in collaboration with March of Dimes, **ZCC** establishes a network of specialized healthcare providers who can care for patients and families affected by Zika virus.

ZCC Provider Referral Network Specialties

- Maternal fetal medicine
- Pediatric neurology*
- Pediatric ophthalmology*
- Radiology*
- Audiology*
- Mental health services

*This includes providers who care for infants, whether or not their scope of practice is exclusively pediatric.

ZIKA CARE CONNECT ELEMENTS

ZCC will help families find specialty healthcare services and identify providers whose practice meets their needs (e.g., location, language, insurance). Healthcare providers can also use **ZCC** as a resource for coordinating care for patients affected by Zika who need access to other specialists.

- **Provider Referral Network** – a network of specialists knowledgeable about and able to provide healthcare services for patients with Zika, aligned with CDC's clinical guidance recommendations
- **Website** – searchable database of the Provider Referral Network, patient resource tools, and additional resources to promote linkage between maternal and pediatric services
- **HelpLine** – staffed by professionals available to answer patient questions and assist patients in finding healthcare specialists that meet their needs

ALL ZIKA CARE CONNECT NETWORK PROVIDERS WILL RECEIVE:

- Email updates from the **ZCC** listserv regarding updated CDC clinical guidance
- Patient resource tools that include information about the **ZCC** website and HelpLine
- Referrals from the **ZCC** website, HelpLine, and other network providers

Specialists included in the **ZCC** Provider Referral Network will have access to the most recent CDC clinical guidance for the management and care of patients with Zika virus.