Receipt of professional care coordination services among families raising children with special health care needs: A multilevel analysis of state policy predictors

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Abstract: Data from the 2002 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs were analyzed to understand the state-level policies and individual characteristics associated with receipt of professional care coordination by families raising children with special health care needs. Families living in states with more generous State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP) were more likely to receive professional care coordination. Numerous individual characteristics are associated with receipt of support services. States could likely improve access to support services for these families by expanding SCHIP and implementing targeted measures to help uninsured children, children whose parents do not speak English, those living below 300% of the federal poverty level, and families raising children with the most severe impairments.