

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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### **Overview of the Health and Medical Services Team (HMST)**

The Health and Medical Services Team (HMST) at the Department of Children and Families is comprised of four full time registered nurses (one for each DCF Region), a full time Supervisor of Nurses/Central Office Nurse, two medical social workers and a part time Nurse Liaison who is based at Boston Children's Hospital.

The HMST provides consultation regarding all healthcare and medical issues, consultation on cases with complex medical and social issues, support around discharge planning, assistance with the process for assessing proposed orders to forgo or discontinue life sustaining medical treatment, assistance surrounding questions pertaining to Mass Health and health insurance issues regarding DCF involved children, and support around working with community medical providers. The HMST also works closely with the Special Kids/Special Care Program team from Mass Health and Neighborhood Health Plan and assists staff with making referrals to the program.

The DCF Nurse Liaison at Children's Hospital is a member of the hospital's Child Protection Team and provides consultation regarding the medical status of children receiving inpatient or outpatient care at that facility and issues pertaining to discharge planning and access to services at the hospital.