

Do you have a medically fragile child?

Children with special medical needs include those that are dependent on special technologies, such as ventilators or ventriculoperitoneal shunts, plus those that are at risk of medical vulnerability due to neurological, respiratory, and/or circulatory impairments. If your child has such a condition, he or she may be medically fragile. It is important for medical responders to know about your child's needs so they can make sure critical care needs are met in the event of an emergency.

When there is an emergency, health care providers will quickly become aware of what special care your child needs. **KIDBASE** can help. Parents and guardians can use this health information database to detail their child's specific needs so doctors, nurses and emergency personnel can provide the appropriate emergency care.

KIDBASE helps protect your child:

- ❏ Through the use of medical information forms.
- ❏ By helping to speed the time it takes for emergency personnel to access important, correct medical information.
- ❏ By helping to assure a more appropriate response for your child in the event that a parent is unable to be present during emergency transport.

For more information please contact:

NC Office of Emergency Medical Services

2707 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2707
Telephone: (919) 855-3935
Fax: (919) 733-7021

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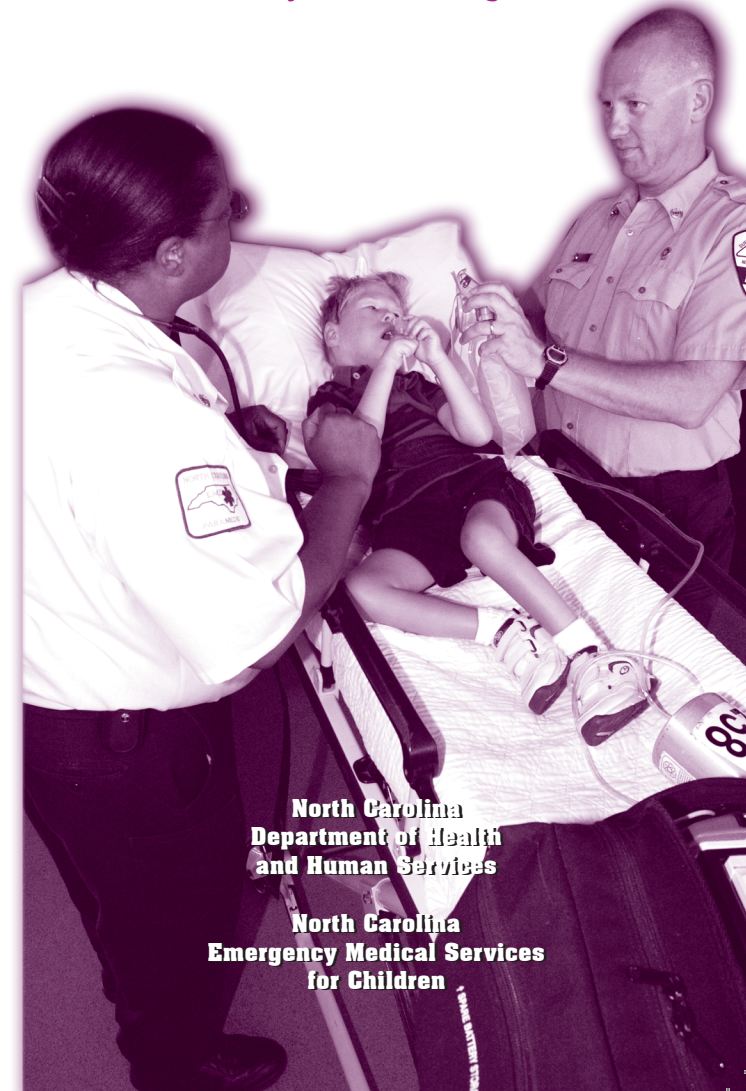
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**Kid's Information Data Base
Access System for Emergencies**



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About the KidBase Program:

The North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services developed **KIDBASE** to help assure that children with special medical needs receive the care they need in emergencies.

Parents use the **KIDBASE** medical information forms to identify medically fragile children and, working with their child's doctor, provide information about their specific health needs. Once the information changes hands in an emergency, it is then shared with local EMS agencies and hospital emergency departments.

The word is getting out. People who are helping tell parents and guardians about **KIDBASE** include:

- ✚ Parents' Groups
- ✚ Pediatricians
- ✚ Community health nurses
- ✚ Schools
- ✚ Children's Development Services Agency programs
- ✚ Neonatal intensive care units
- ✚ Hospital discharge planners
- ✚ Social workers

How does KidBase Work?

You can obtain **KIDBASE** medical information forms via the Internet at: www.ncems.org/kidbase.htm or by contacting the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Fill out Part A of the form and have your child's doctor fill out Part B. Make several copies and distribute one copy to each of the following:

- ✚ The N.C. Office of EMS, 2707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2707.
- ✚ Your child's care provider and/or school.
- ✚ Anyone else who provides care for your child.

This is meant to be a failsafe system. So keep several additional copies of the form. **KIDBASE** recommends that one copy be kept with the child at all times (for example, on your child's car seat or in your child's book bag); a copy at home, and a copy with you.

No need to worry about privacy. Your child's information will be kept confidential and used only by professionals preparing for and responding to an emergency involving your child.

How do I use KidBase when there's an emergency?

When your child needs EMS services, dial 911. Describe the type of emergency and your location. Tell the dispatcher that your child is a **KIDBASE** child. Then EMS will know to request the medical information form when they arrive on the scene. If you take your child to the Emergency Department yourself, be sure to bring the medical information sheet with you.