There are few medical diagnoses that have such a profound impact on everyday life as diabetes.

Multisystem damage can occur including kidney damage, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, retinopathy, neuropathy and even death.

Families must manage complex, high-technology treatment regimens with the guidance of the diabetes team.

They must deal with finger sticks, injections, and calculations of food intake; symptoms of hypoglycemia; and make adjustments for changes in levels of activity.

To increase the families success in managing diabetes, it is imperative for multidisciplinary diabetes team to work together to support and educate family members and others who provide care to children with diabetes.

If a child is in out of home care with the diagnosis of Diabetes please contact your regional medical fragile liaison and or the medical support section to see if the child should be designated medically fragile.

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If you would like more information, please contact the Medical Support Section by calling (502) 564-6852.