NATIONAL SCD POLICY FORUM

THE CARE CENTER MODEL FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE

WHAT IS A SCD CARE CENTER?

A sickle cell disease (SCD) care center provides comprehensive, high-quality care for individuals living with sickle cell disease. SCD centers must meet certain requirements in staffing and services.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF SCD CARE CENTERS?

The care center model for sickle cell disease can ensure that **essential services and supports** for SCD warriors are all in one place and that everyone has **access to a sickle cell specialist** to improve quality of life and care.

WHO IS A PART OF THE CARE TEAM?

SCD care requires a team made up of many medical disciplines. The following health care professionals are part of SCD care team at a typical SCD care center:



Educated Nursing Staff

Sickle Cell Specialist (Physician) Partnership with other Subspecialists

Mental Health Professional Family Planning Specialist



The National Alliance for Sickle Cell Centers (NASCC) supports sickle cell disease centers by setting standards of care, promoting guideline adoption, and establishing requirements to be considered a "NASCC-recognized comprehensive Sickle Cell Center." Learn more about the NASCC and membership here.





