

# New Patient Referral Process Approved at Imperial Session



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Great news! It is now easier than ever to refer a patient to Shriners Hospitals for Children! At the 138th Annual Session in July 2012, the attending delegates approved amendments to the Colorado Bylaws 509.2 and 509.3 which simplified the way for patients to access our Shriners hospitals. Patients/families no longer need to fill out a two-page application form that must be processed before being considered for treatment. While this is a big change for our system and YOU; we want to assure you that our Shriners are more important than ever in finding children that need our help; as well as informing the public on the noble mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children. We need your participation now, more than ever, to reach more patients. This new process makes it easier for our patients and will still allow for engagement with the nobility. Travel and transportation support should not change. Contact your Shriners temple or hospital if you have questions.

This new intake process continues to support your valuable referrals, without the added step of completing a patient application. Instead simply provide patients/families with the Shriners Hospitals for Children patient referral card, which may be obtained from your hospital or Shrine temple. In addition, a new Patient Referral Form will be forthcoming in the near future. However, the referral card is preferred, with the patient/family calling the hospital's referral intake line directly. Why? This is the quickest and most convenient way for the patient to get the care they need.

When did this start? In October 2012 Shriners hospitals simplified the process to for our new patients; allowing patients' immediate scheduling for an appointment if their clinical needs meet the hospital's scope of service. To avoid any confusion to our patients or the community, temple staff are asked to no longer use the application form and remove any reference to a patient application process in temple materials or website. Thank you for your continued hard work in helping the children. Please contact your local Shriners Hospitals facility if you have any questions.

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