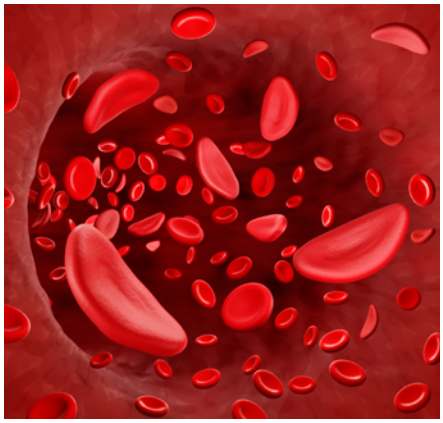
Sickle Cell Disease Resources for Providers

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a lifelong, inherited blood disorder that affects approximately 100,000 people in the United States, primarily individuals of African descent. People with SCD have misshapen, rigid, and sticky red blood cells that may block blood flow, leading to a pain crisis or vaso-occlusive crisis. Treatment recommendations can vary based on age, but may include vaccinations, medications, yearly eye exams, transcranial doppler ultrasound, bone marrow transplant, gene therapies, and alternative therapies.



While medical advancements have improved outcomes, many patients still face significant challenges beyond the clinical setting, ranging from access to care and transportation to housing instability and emotional well-being. The following resources are available to support your patients with SCD.

Regional sickle cell foundations

Organization	Executive Director	Address	Phone number	Regions served
Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana www.scasl.org	Aaron Ruffin (Board President)	2301 North Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA 70806	**1-225-346-8434**	Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 9
Etta Pete Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, LLC www.epsicklecell.org	Leticia Pete	1901 Harless Street Lake Charles, LA 70601	**1-337-302-3929**	Region 5
Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Inc. www.scarfcenla.org	Shay Hardison	2625 Third Street Alexandria, LA 71302	**1-318-625-7266**	Region 6
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Northwest Louisiana Chapter www.sicklecellnwla.org	Rosalind Spain	3658 Judson Street Shreveport, LA 71109	**1-318-636-5300**	Region 7
Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation www.monroesicklecell.org	Donna Thaxton	1604 Winnsboro Road Monroe, LA 71202	**1-318-322-0896**	Region 8

How AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana can help

We offer case management and care coordination services to support your patients with SCD. To refer a patient or speak with a Care Coordinator, please call **1-888-756-0004** or scan the QR code to complete our Let Us Know form. Use this form to refer a patient, request support, or share feedback so we can better serve you and the sickle cell community.

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