

Meet Dixie

Insurance Funding Success Story



Dixie's Story

Three year old Dixie Shine has been able to participate in a number of new activities in recent months, aided by some of the Firefly products which have been funded through Medicaid insurance.

Dixie had a difficult start to life, before finding a great home with the Shine family. Dixie was found in a motel at 7 months old, having been neglected and in a malnourished condition. Her condition was serious and she was rushed to hospital for urgent care. Staff treating Dixie soon found out that she has a rare genetic condition which means she requires continual GJ tube feedings and has no head control or trunk control. Dixie has oxygen and suction needs, and has the mental capacity of the average 3-5 month old child. Dixie has not yet been able to grasp, roll over, hold her head up, crawl or walk.

Dixie then found a loving home when she was fostered by Registered Nurse Rebecca Shine and her husband Shane. Having had 4 children, the Shine's have more recently fostered 3 children with additional needs, with Dixie being the most recent addition to the family . Rebecca had seen the need for foster parents for children with disabilities while working as a Nurse, and decided to do something about it. Dixie has now been adopted by the Shine family.

Dixie and her new family have been given great support by health care professionals including Dr Austin Larson at the Denver Children's Hospital, Dr Sherri Butler at Small World Pediatrics, and her Physical Therapist Trina Bassak at About Kids Home Health Care. She is a very happy kid and is starting to really enjoy life.

Dixie and her family have also been helped by Numotion, who introduced the family to some of the Firefly products. The local Numotion Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) Lindsey Rea introduced the family to the Splashy bath seat and the GoTo seat and it was clear to mom Rebecca that these products would really help Dixie to participate everyday activities. Numotion worked with the family and therapist to help with the insurance applications.



Thankfully Colorado Medicaid funded both the Splashy bath seat and the GoTo seat for Dixie. The Splashy in particular has made a huge difference. The family have taken it on camping trips and to splash parks, as well as using it in the bathroom and the garden at home.

As mom Rebecca explains, “These products really help us to live as a family. We don’t want to ever leave Dixie behind, we want to share memories with Dixie. The products help Dixie to live life to the full, but also make life easier for us as parents. Thank you for allowing Dixie to participate in spreading the word of Firefly and for giving her the ability to spread her wings and grow!”



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