

**16.2 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM (CSHCN) (Formerly Office of Handicapped Children)**

A child may be simultaneously eligible for and receiving services from the Medicaid Program and from the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHCN). The child may already be receiving CSHCN services when application is made for an OFS Program. In addition, at the time of application, and anytime thereafter, the Worker may determine that a child could benefit from CSHCN.

**A. NON-CSHCN RECIPIENTS WHO ARE APPLICANTS FOR OFS PROGRAMS**

Anytime a child's eligibility is being considered for any Office of Family Support Program and the Worker believes the child could benefit from services provided by the CSHCN, the Worker must refer the child to the CSHCN. Refer to the CSHCN Manual for covered medical conditions.

The referral is accomplished by completion of the following CSHCN forms:

- HC-10 - Handicapped Children's Application
- HC-11 - Eligibility Review

If the child is applying for Medicaid, a memorandum must be attached to the forms listed above indicating the status of the application. If the child is later approved for CSHCN services and Medicaid, the CSHCN must be advised by memorandum of any change in the status of the case and the reason for such change.

**B. CSHCN RECIPIENTS WHO ARE APPLICANTS FOR MEDICAID**

When a family applies for Medicaid and is already an active CSHCN case, the Worker must notify the CSHCN if the application is approved and must specify the eligibility dates. This is accomplished by memorandum and the Worker must indicate whether or not the child is eligible for Medicaid.

In addition, when the child is already an active CSHCN case, the Worker must notify the CSHCN by memorandum if the application is denied or withdrawn or the active Medicaid case is closed. The memorandum must indicate the reason for such action.