Help prepare him for the future.



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If you want more information, call the Systems Point of Entry in the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health.

1-304-558-5388

or Toll-Free (in WV) 1-800-642-9704

Does your child need specialized medical care?



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Services Provided by the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program

Program purpose:

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program provides specialized medical care for children who have or might have chronic, disabling medical conditions.

The goal is to support the family and community in the care of children with special health problems by providing:

- arrangements for early care
- medical exams and tests to see if there is a problem
- medical treatment
- planning to make sure all needed care is arranged

Services that are provided:

Medical services are provided through CSHCN-sponsored clinics located in different areas throughout the state, or are arranged with medical specialists who work with the program.

Treatment services provided include, but are not limited to:

- Doctor visits
- Laboratory tests
- X-rays
- Medicine
- Limited physical, occupational and/or speech therapy
- Referral for medical services
- Equipment and supplies
- Surgery
- Hospital stays

Who is eligible:

Any child living in West Virginia who is under 21 years of age may be eligible for CSHCN Program services if they have a medical problem that needs specialized care and income guidelines are met.

You must apply for the West Virginia Medicaid Program and the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at your local Department of Health and Human Resources office before applying for CSHCN Program services.

Having insurance does not keep a child from being eligible for medical care or services. Benefits from other coverage sources (Medicaid, CHIP or private insurance) must be utilized before CSHCN can consider coverage for services. CSHCN does not pay insurance co-pays, deductibles or co-insurance.

Medical conditions that are covered:

CSHCN covers many different kinds of medical conditions including, but not limited to:

- Problems with bones, joints or muscles
- Heart conditions
- Nuerological and seizure conditions
- Myelodysplasia or spina bifida
- Chronic kidney conditions
- Conditions that require plastic surgery, such as burns or cleft lip/palate
- Ear, nose and throat conditions that affect hearing
- Hearing loss that requires hearing aid placement
- Other conditions such as cystic fibrosis or sickle cell anemia