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**CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM
(304) 558-5388 or Toll-Free (In WV) 1-800-642-9704**

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What is CSHCN?

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program provides for evaluation, diagnostic/assessment, treatment and habilitation of children with chronic handicapping or disabling conditions. Administration of the Program, including reimbursement for medical services for children, is paid by Title XIX (Medicaid), Title XXI (CHIP), and by Title V for certain children not eligible for other government health financing.

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Who is Eligible?

Children under 21 years of age, living in West Virginia, who meet income eligibility guidelines and are suspected of having an eligible medical condition.

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Medical conditions eligible to receive CSHCN services may include:

- ✦ Disorders which involve bones, joints or muscles.
- ✦ Heart defects at birth requiring surgery and operable heart defects resulting from rheumatic heart disease.
- ✦ Epilepsy and other convulsive disorders.
- ✦ Neurological disorders, such as cerebral palsy and spina bifida.
- ✦ Certain operable eye conditions, such as crossed eyes and congenital cataracts.
- ✦ Kidney and urological disorders, including those requiring dialysis.
- ✦ Cleft lip/palate and certain conditions requiring plastic surgery, such as scar revisions from burns..
- ✦ Ear, nose and throat conditions requiring treatment by an otolaryngologist, including evaluation for hearing aid placement.

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- ✦ Certain conditions, such as cystic fibrosis and sickle cell anemia.

Services Provided

Diagnostic services are provided through Children with Special Health Care Needs sponsored clinics or are arranged with participating medical specialists.

Treatment services may include: physician visits, laboratory tests and X-rays, medications, equipment and supplies, physical therapy, surgery/anesthesia, and hospitalization.

The CSHCN Program provides nursing and social work services for enrolled children and their families throughout the state. In order to coordinate and facilitate the child's participation in health care services, both primary and specialty care, a Patient/Family Assessment and Care Plan are developed with the family.

How To Access Services

Applicants for CSHCN services **must** apply for all available services through their local Department of Health and Human Resources office before they can be considered for the CSHCN Program. Families must meet financial eligibility criteria before the process to determine medical eligibility continues. If a child is enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP or has private insurance coverage, the cost of the diagnostic evaluation/testing is billed to that coverage source.

For more information, please call the community Department of Health and Human Resources office in your county of residence or the toll-free line listed above.