



INTRODUCTION

A. Scope of Service

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program in the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health (OMCFH), provides specialized medical care and care coordination services for children and youth **under** 21 years of age who have **certain specific** chronic, disabling medical conditions. Income eligibility guidelines are applied to **all** applicants including those covered by SSI, Medicaid Waiver or Subsidized Adoption.

Medical services provided by the CSHCN Program are financed by the client's primary coverage source(s) which include Title XIX (Medicaid), Title XXI (CHIP), and private health insurance. Program participants who are not eligible for other coverage sources for CSHCN eligible medical diagnoses will have program-approved services paid for by Title V funds.

B. Goal

The goal of the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program is to support the family and community in the care of children with special health care needs through:

- \$ diagnostic evaluation/consultation
- \$ medical intervention
- \$ care coordination
- \$ transition services

C. Limitation of Funding

CSHCN is **not** an entitlement program. The extent of services provided is contingent upon the amount of monies available for delivery of services and on policy established by the CSHCN Program.

D. Agreement with Bureau for Medical Services, Medicaid Program

By agreement with the Bureau for Medical Services (BMS), CSHCN serves as the care coordination agency for CSHCN clients covered by WV Medicaid. With a few notable exceptions (feeding supplements, for example), both Medicaid and CSHCN use similar medical necessity criteria and prior authorization requirements. CSHCN likewise respects and adheres to the benefit packages of other primary coverage sources.

E. Agreement with West Virginia Medical Institute

Through a contract with the Bureau for Medical Services, the West Virginia Medical Institute (WVMI) is responsible for reviewing certain services and supplies for clients receiving WV Medicaid and for those receiving CSHCN services paid for by Title V. The purpose of the WVMI review is to assure that services and supplies are medically necessary, appropriate, and cost efficient. If these standards are met and the request is a covered service, a prior authorization is issued by WVMI.