

Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP-CSN)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age. Surgical costs may be waived for an additional six months if, before reaching age 21, the person was referred for services that included a series of surgical treatments, the surgical series was commenced, and the surgical treatment is necessary to complete the series of surgical treatments.

RESIDENCY:

Alaska residents. Residency is established by physical presence within the state of Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely and make a home in the state.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

A child may be eligible for services through HCP-CSN if, in the judgment of the department, the child has a disease, defect, or condition that: (1) has been present for at least six months or has been present from birth and (2) severely impairs the child's growth or development.

Eligible Conditions:

Generally, eligible conditions include specific diagnoses which affect the following body systems:

Asthma *	Gastrointestinal
Cardiovascular	Genitourinary
Central apnea of an infant who is not premature *	Hematologic
Central nervous	Metabolic/endocrine
Chronic otitis media with perforation *	Muscular
Connective tissue	Nephritis, pyelonephritis and glomerulonephritis *
Craniofacial	Pectus excavatum *
Cutaneous	Refractive error which predisposes to amblyopia *
Deformity or absence of the external ear *	Respiratory
Ear	Short stature *
Emotional or mental disorder *	Skeletal
Eye	

* The condition is eligible only under limited circumstances.

Excluded Conditions:

Acute meningitis, acute encephalitis, and acute hemorrhage within the brain	Malignant tumors
Acute trauma or illness	Mastoiditis
Caffey's Disease	Minimal brain dysfunction syndrome
Chronic otitis media with effusion	Minor congenital anomalies that do not interfere with any major life function
Congenital pyloric stenosis	Pectus excavatum that is a cosmetic defect only
Cystitis	Prematurity, complications of prematurity such as necrotizing enterocolitis and apnea of prematurity
Dental conditions	Primary hypospadias that is a cosmetic defect only
Hyaline membrane disease	Respiratory distress syndrome
Hydrocele	Umbilical or inguinal hernia
Hyperactivity	Undescended testicles
Infections of bone or joint	
Lacrimal duct obstruction	
Learning disorders	

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Financial eligibility criteria are based on the child's medical condition and the family's financial status. The intent of the Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP-CSN) is to supplement payment of care for handicapping conditions of children, not to meet the total health care needs of any child. There is a maximum funding limit of \$20,000 per state fiscal year per child.

General Financial Eligibility:

There are no income limits. See section on “Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements”.

Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:

Same as “General Financial Eligibility”.

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

There is a “co-payment” called a “Family Participation Amount” that is based on the family’s income. The higher the income, the higher the FPA. The family must meet the FPA during their benefit year on medical care relating to the child’s eligible condition, before HCP-CSN can begin paying expenses.

—————***SCOPE OF SERVICES***—————

SERVICES:

Eligible Services:

HCP-CSN pays costs of the following services:

- Air or surface transportation, meals, and housing
- Dental and orthodontic services for an eligible condition
- Diagnostic services
- Evaluation, fitting, and purchase of hearing aids
- Hospitalization
- Medical and surgical services
- Medical foster home care for a period not to exceed three months
- Nutritional therapy
- Occupational therapy, as provided for in this section *
- Physical therapy, as provided for in this section *
- Prescription drugs
- Psychological counseling and family therapy *
- Refractions, corrective lenses, and glasses *
- Rehabilitation equipment
- Speech therapy *

* Services only provided under limited circumstances or to a limited extent.

Excluded Services:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided through local community providers. HCP-CSN authorizes specific services for a specific child and notifies both the client and provider of the authorization. After the service is provided, the provider bills HCP-CSN for the services. All services must be preauthorized.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

Services are available primarily through specialty clinics sponsored by the Title V agency. Clinics are held in rural areas where specialty services do not exist. Providing case management and consultation to local health care providers are important components of the clinics. There is a clinic fee which will be paid by Medicaid, Indian Health Services, or Tricare, if eligible. Insurance will be billed if clients are covered by insurance. Those without any health care coverage may apply for a reduced fee based on income. No one will be denied services because they are unable to pay the clinic fee.

Specialty clinics are provided outside of the HCP-CSN regulations in the following subspecialties:

Cardiology

Cleft-Lip and Palate

Genetics

Neurodevelopmental

Out-of-State Services:

Enrolled children may receive services outside the state of Alaska if the services are recommended by the physician and not available in Alaska. Out-of-state care is restricted to the closest facility that provides medically adequate care.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

The department will not pay the cost of treatment unless no other resource is available to pay the cost. A handicapped child and the child's family shall fully use all alternate resources in the community.

Coordination of Services:

Public health nurses throughout the state are assisted by HCP-CSN staff in the coordination of care between agencies, such as Infant Learning Program, Medicaid, Indian Health Service, etc. Cases are carefully reviewed by the HCP-CSN office program staff who are experienced in working with children with disabilities and their families

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

Alaska Stat. § 18.05.010, et. seq. (1992)

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 7, § 23.110, et. seq.