

Hawaii

Children with Special Health Needs Branch (CSHNB)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

(Note: The following applies only to the Children with Special Health Needs Program.)

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age.

RESIDENCY:

Eligibility limited to Hawaii residents and those persons who intend to live within the state.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The child has or is suspected of having a chronic physical condition that: (1) has lasted or is expected to last one year or more; and (2) is in need of surgical, medical, or therapeutic intervention and coordination of services beyond the level of care provided by the primary care physician.

Eligible Conditions:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Excluded Conditions:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

General Financial Eligibility:

Financial assistance with medical specialty and other services is limited to families whose income is at or below 300% of federal poverty guidelines.

Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:

Same as "General Financial Eligibility".

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

(Note: The following applies only to the Children with Special Health Needs Program.)

SERVICES:

Eligible Services:

Care coordination
Craniofacial review services
Medical nutrition therapy
Social work
Specialty clinic services

Note: Financial assistance with access to services is provided. These services may include: medical specialty services, x-ray, laboratory, hearing aids, and transportation and lodging when children travel outside their resident island to other islands to obtain services.

Excluded Services:

Examples of excluded services for which financial assistance is not provided: hospitalization, surgery/anesthesia, organ transplantation, kidney dialysis, and out-of-state services.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided through program staff (nurses, social workers, nutritionist, speech pathologist, audiologist), public health nurses, medical specialists, and other providers.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

Cardiac Clinics
Neurology Clinics

Out-of-State Services:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

All third-party benefits such as health insurance must be applied to the cost of the child's care.

Coordination of Services:

Program care coordinators and public health nurses assist families/clients with the coordination of services.

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

Other Programs within the Children with Special Health Needs Branch:

Early Intervention Section assures that children, age birth to 3 years who have developmental delays or are at biological or environmental risk for developmental delays, receive early identification and intervention services, as specified under Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Services include: care coordination, family counseling, social work services, special instruction, psychological services, audiological services, physical and occupational therapy, vision services, and assistive technology. Special projects include: respite services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and children with serious or chronic illness, Keiki Tech Project to provide assistive technology, Inclusion Project and Keiki Care to increase capacity of community preschools and family child care providers to serve children with special needs, Project Kako'o to serve parents with cognitive challenges who have infants and toddlers, Project SEEK to increase the State's capacity to identify infants and toddlers with special needs, and Newborn Hearing Screening Program for early identification of newborns who are hearing impaired.

Preschool Developmental Screening Program provides training to both trainers and community resources in developmental screening, screens children 3-5 years who would otherwise not have access to screening, and provides consultation and referrals for other services.

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

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Nutrition activities include statewide nutrition screening of CSHCN, technical/assistance and support to expand the network of community-based feeding teams, and training/education for professionals, paraprofessionals, and parents.

Genetics activities include genetic education directed at health care providers, consumers, legislators, public health professionals, and students, and promoting legislation to assure consumer protection related to genetic information.

Newborn Metabolic Screening Program assures that infants born in Hawaii are satisfactorily screened for 7 disorders (phenylketonuria, congenital hypothyroidism, galactosemia, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, biotinidase deficiency, maple syrup urine disease, and hemoglobinopathies). Program tracks and provides follow-up, sets standards/guidelines, and provides education to health care providers and general public.

Hawaii Birth Defects Program is a population-based active surveillance system. Through data gathering from medical facilities statewide, demographic, diagnostic, and health risk related information is collected on each baby diagnosed with a birth defect and their biological parents.

Hawaii Early Childhood Hearing Detection and Intervention Project is a new project funded through a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The project is developing/implementing the universal hearing screening program components including state advisory committee, screening, audiological assessment, early intervention services, family support, link with the medical home, data/tracking system, professional/public education, and evaluation.

Healthy Child Care Hawaii (funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau/Community Integrated Service System Program) is a new collaborative project with the American Academy of Pediatrics Hawaii Chapter and the University of Hawaii School of Medicine/Department of Pediatrics. The project will: support the voluntary adoption of national health and safety performance standards in child care programs; develop a network of health professionals as health consultants to child care programs; and address how child care programs can assist families in accessing health services, medical homes, Medicaid, QUEST, and CHIP resources.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

HRS § 321-51 to 321-54 (Children with Special Health Needs)

HRS § 321 – 291 (Newborn Metabolic Screening)

HRS § 321-351 to 321-354 (Infants and Toddlers)

HRS § 321-361 to 321-363 (Statewide Newborn Hearing Screening Program)