

Louisiana

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age; persons age 21 and over with cystic fibrosis may receive limited services, such as outpatient clinic visits and drugs based on the availability of funds.

RESIDENCY:

Louisiana resident (eligible school-aged child should be registered in a school within the state).

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Medically eligible children are those who have been diagnosed or suspected to have certain chronic physical illnesses or serious disabilities causing or likely to cause impairments which could significantly limit major life activities and which may reasonably be expected to benefit from services provided by the Program.

Eligible Conditions:

Chronic, congenital, or acquired disorders severe enough to impair functioning, requiring long-term treatment by subspecialist physicians, and able to benefit from multidisciplinary services as provided by CSHS clinics. Some examples are:

- Arthritis
- Cleft lip/cleft palate, burn scars, and/or other contractures and certain craniofacial anomalies
- Congenital and acquired heart disease
- Congenital or acquired defect, deformity, or disease of the musculoskeletal system, including scoliosis, cerebral palsy, and amputations
- Congenital or acquired eye disease requiring special treatment or surgery, including strabismus, cataracts, glaucoma, or anomalies
- Congenital or acquired significant hearing loss, including chronic or recurrent otitis media
- Cystic fibrosis
- Nephrological conditions
- Seizure disorders, degenerative neurological conditions, and neuromuscular disorders
- Spina bifida and other spinal cord problems
- Urological conditions, including hypospadias and obstructive uropathy

Excluded Conditions:

- Acute illness/injuries needing emergency care
- Cancer
- Dermatology not associated with a handicapping condition
- Emotional problems and/or psychiatric disorders
- Endocrine and related growth disorders
- Mental retardation not associated with a handicapping condition
- Primary/preventative health care
- Pulmonary diseases other than cystic fibrosis

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Financial eligibility generally is based on the family's income, resources, allowable exclusions, and nature of the eligible condition.

General Financial Eligibility:

General financial eligibility is based upon a formula utilizing family income, resources and the costliness of necessary medical treatment. Families with the highest medical costs receive the highest priority for treatment. The maximum allowable resources are as follows:

Family Size	Resources
1	4,000
2	5,000
3	6,000
Add \$1,000 for each additional family member	

Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:

CSHS does not hold separate screening clinics.

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

Families in the program are expected to contribute financially to these services through direct payment for services, private medical insurance, or Medicaid.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SERVICES:

Eligible Services:

- Care coordination
- Dental/orthodontic services
- Diagnostic testing/laboratory
- Eye glasses
- Family support services
- Hearing aids
- Home health care
- Hospitalization
- Medications
- Outpatient medical services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Prosthetic devices and orthotic devices, appliances and durable medical equipment
- Speech pathology and audiology
- Supportive care by nurses, medical social workers, and nutritionists
- Surgical procedures

Excluded Services:

Not specifically addressed. Contact Program directly for more information.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided on a regularly scheduled basis through a combination of medical and surgical specialty clinics. Specialty clinics are established on a regional basis throughout the state, regional offices and clinics are located in or near the more populated area of the state where highly specialized care needed is more readily available. Clinics may be held in public health units, private and state hospitals, and free-standing outpatient clinic facilities.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

Amputee Clinic	Neurology Clinics
Arthritis Clinics	Neurosurgery Clinics
Audiology Clinics	Ophthalmology Clinics
Cardiology Clinics	Orthopedics Clinics
Cerebral Palsy Clinic	Otology Clinics
Cleft Lip and Palate Clinics	Reconstructive Surgery Clinics
Cystic Fibrosis Clinics	Scoliosis Clinics
Hand Clinic (Orthopedics)	Spinal Cord Clinics
Nephrology Clinics	Urology Clinics

Out-of-State Services:

A child may be hospitalized or receive treatment in another state if the treatment needed: (1) is a medical necessity and is stated as such by two CSHS contract physicians, (2) the service is not available in the state, and (3) the out-of-state provider will accept CSHS payment.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

The CSHS is the payor of last resort and will seek financial reimbursement for services rendered to families with medical insurance or resources from any legal settlement.

While it is not the policy of the CSHS to subsidize or supplement Medicaid coverage, a child who receives Medicaid may be eligible for non-Medicaid reimbursable services if: (1) the services are medically necessary, (2) funds are available and costs are justifiable, (3) it is in the best interest of the child, and (4) there are no other known resources by which the items or services can be provided.

Coordination of Services:

The CSHS Program offers families medical case management through the diagnosis, evaluation, treatment planning, and counseling stages for those families needing this service. When families need other services, CSHS makes referrals to other agencies for financial assistance, educational, day care, respite care, parent support groups, child protection, foster care or adoption, blind services, vocational rehabilitation, recreational therapy, psychiatric evaluation, psychological evaluation, and developmental services.

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

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

LA. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 40:31.2, 40:1299.111-120 (West 1992)

LA. Reg. 4901, et. seq.