

Maine

Children with Special Health Needs Program (CSHNP)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 18 years of age.

RESIDENCY:

Must reside within the state of Maine. Residency is defined as living in the state at the time of application.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Participation is limited to children with special health needs who have a condition that: (1) restricts functioning, (2) requires a level of health care beyond routine and basic care, and (3) requires specialty treatment.

Eligible Conditions:

May include but are not limited to the following:

Asthma and other respiratory disorders	Gastrointestinal disorders
Blood disorders	Genitourinary disorders
Cardiac disorders	Juvenile arthritis
Childhood cancers	Orthopedic disorders
Chronic ear infections	PKU and other inborn errors of metabolism
Cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies	Seizure disorders
Cystic fibrosis	Skin disorders
Diabetes and other endocrine disorders	Spina bifida
	Vision disorders

Excluded Conditions:

End stage renal disease
Idiopathic growth hormone deficiency (excluded for treatment purposes)
Organ, bone marrow, and cochlear transplants

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

General Financial Eligibility:

Children are financially eligible if their household income, adjusted for family size, is at or below 225% of the national poverty guidelines. Medically eligible children receiving SSI or Medicaid are categorically eligible for the program.

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

SERVICES:

Eligible Services:

Services, subject to limitations based on a child's age and/or the nature of the underlying condition, may include:

Central line insertion and supplies	Physical/occupational therapy
Dietary supplements	Prostheses
Durable medical equipment	Respiratory therapy
Factor and blood products	Routine, preventive dental care for children
Genetic, nutrition, and psycho-social counseling	with cardiac defects, clefts, cancer, or
Inpatient/outpatient services	hemophilia
Laboratory testing	Second opinions
Lodging/travel, excluding meals and phone	Speech/language therapy
Medications	Specialty office and clinic visits
Orthodontia, limited to children with	Surgery and related costs
cleft lip and palate	Therapy consultation
Orthoses	X-rays and other imagery studies

Excluded Services:

Amplification devices for neurosensory hearing loss
Augmentative communication equipment and vestibular stimulation equipment
Bone marrow transplants and other related costs or medical therapy not endorsed by appropriate subspecialty medical society
Direct face-to-face contacts to obtain information from or discuss plan of care with others involved in child's plan of care
Long-term dialysis
Monitoring/observation of potential or stable health problem or developmental delay
Organ transplants
Routine primary or acute care

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided through private providers authorized by the program based on compliance with state licensing and certification requirements, specialty certification and pediatric qualifications, proximity to the child's area of residence, and the child's and family's preference if there are multiple authorized providers within the child's community.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

Cleft Palate Clinics (2 sites: Bangor and Portland)
Development Evaluation Clinics (5 sites: Auburn, Bangor, Caribou, Portland, Waterville) *
Spina Bifida Clinics (2 sites: Bangor and Portland) *
Pediatric Oncology Services (2 sites: Bangor and Portland) *
Southern Maine PKU/Metabolism Clinic (1 site: Portland)
Cystic Fibrosis Clinics (3 sites: Portland, Lewiston, and Bangor)

* Grant funded.

Out-of-State Services:

All services will be provided and pre-authorized within the state of Maine with the following exceptions: (1) for those children living on the New Hampshire border, out-of-state services may be prior authorized if the appropriate out-of-state specialty providers are closer to the child's home than comparable services within the state of Maine; (2) if after consultation with the appropriate in-state pediatric specialist, the program's medical consultant determines that the needed treatment is not available within the state, services may be authorized at an appropriate center outside the state; and (3) if the program's medical consultant determines that the patient/provider relationship that has been in place for longer than two years is reasonable to support.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

Provider must collect payment from other available insurance prior to billing program.

Coordination of Services:

The Program's Care Coordinators are available to provide care coordination services regardless of whether the program will pay for the health care and related services. These services are provided to ensure the effective and efficient organization of and access to services and resources that are necessary to meet the needs of the individual and his/her family.

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

Periodically provide workshops to parents, teens, and health care providers.
MCHB's, Healthy and Ready to Work Grant, Family Advisory Council, and Maine Adolescent Transition Partnership.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

22 M.R.S.A. § 42(1)
22 M.R.S.A. § 1951
22 M.R.S.A. § 2001