

# *North Carolina*

## *Children's Special Health Services (CSHS)*

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### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### **AGE:**

Birth to 21 years of age; adults with cystic fibrosis and severe hemophilia.

#### **RESIDENCY:**

Residency required.

#### **MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

CSHS provides health care for financially eligible children with specific chronic diseases or conditions that may hinder normal growth and development.

#### **Eligible Conditions:**

CSHS covers children with more than a thousand chronic, disabling conditions such as birth defects, cancer, blood disorders, and orthopedic impairments. In addition, the program's medical director has the authority to approve coverage for children with other diseases or conditions.

***Excluded Conditions:***

Acute illnesses and conditions  
Emotional disorders

Mental retardation

***FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:***

***General Financial Eligibility.***

Most patients applying to CSHS for the first time must be covered by Medicaid in order to receive reimbursement services through CSHS. A child will be financially eligible for a covered service if he or she was Medicaid eligible on the date the requested service was initiated. CSHS coverage is limited to certain services not covered by Medicaid.

The following types of patients who are not Medicaid eligible may be covered by CSHS: (1) children approved for CSHS Special Post Adoption Coverage will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services if the child's net income is at or below the federal poverty level, and (2) adult patients with Cystic Fibrosis will qualify for CSHS coverage if their net family income is at or below the federal poverty level.

***Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:***

Residents under age 21 whose family income is below the federal poverty level are eligible for a diagnostic evaluation, including x-rays and simple laboratory work, to determine if the individual has a covered condition.

***Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:***

None. Contact the Program directly.

*SCOPE OF SERVICES*

***SERVICES:***

***Eligible Services:*** \*

|                               |   |
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| Audiology services            | Laboratory tests                                    |
| Assistive technology services | Limited nursing visits                              |
| Drugs and special formulas    | Nutrition services                                  |
| Emergency room visits         | Orthodontia for children with oral facial disorders |
| Equipment and supplies        | Physician services                                  |
| Inpatient hospitalization     | Surgery   |

\* Subject to availability of resources.

***Excluded Services:***

Not specifically addressed. Contact the Program directly.

***HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:***

Services are provided primarily through specialty clinics which may be held at health departments, medical centers, developmental evaluation centers, and private physician's offices. If a clinic appropriate to treat the patient does not exist within 50 miles of the patient's residence, the program will cover services provided by rostered physicians in their offices. For a complete list of clinics and their locations, please contact the Children's Special Health Services program.

***Specialty Clinics/Programs:***

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Cardiology                | Neurology     |
| Chronic pulmonary disease | Neuromuscular |
| Hematology/oncology       | Oral-facial   |
| Myelodysplasia            | Orthopedic    |
| Nephrology                |               |

***Out-of-State Services:***

Out-of-State services may be covered with prior approval if the needed services are not available in North Carolina.

***COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:***

***Coordination of Financial Benefits:***

Patient resources available from Medicaid, Medicare, Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniform Services (CHAMPUS), Division of Services for the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation, or other third-party payors must be used before payment from Children's Special Health Services.

***Coordination of Services:***

Care coordination is available for children below age five and includes at least quarterly contact with the family. Support and referral services are based on the family's needs.

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

None listed. Contact the Program directly.

***STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:***

15A NCAC 21F (Children's Special Health Services)  
15A NCAC 24A (Authorizations & Claims)