

# *New Mexico*

## *Children's Medical Services (CMS)*

---

**Contact Person:** Marilyn Sakara  
Director

**Telephone:** (505) 827-2548  
**Fax:** (505) 827-1697

**Address:** Children's Medical Services  
New Mexico Department of Health  
Public Health Division  
1190 St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Email Address:** Marilyns@DOH.STATE.NM.US

**Web Site:**

**Toll-free Hot Line:** Information Center for New  
Mexicans with Disabilities  
CMS/MCH

**Telephone:** 1-800-552-8195  
(505) 827-2350  
1-877-890-4692

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### **AGE:**

Birth to age 21. Adults age 21 and older are eligible for coverage under the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program.

#### **RESIDENCY:**

New Mexico residents. Residency is defined as living within the state with the intent of making New Mexico the permanent and principal home.

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

CMS covers chronic illnesses or medical conditions that require surgical or medical treatment and limit the activity of children from birth to 21 years of age.

***Eligible Conditions:***

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Acquired and congenital respiratory and pulmonary conditions | Disorders and defects of the endocrine system |
| Arthritis  | Epilepsy                                      |
| Asthma   | Failure to thrive                             |
| Burns (electrical, chemical, and thermal)                    | Gastro- and genitourinary anomalies           |
| Cardiac defects  | Gastrointestinal chronic conditions           |
| Cerebral palsy   | Genetic defects and conditions                |
| Childhood cancer   | Hematologic condition, chronic                |
| Cleft lip and palate   | Hypertension                                  |
| Corneal transplants  | Immune deficiencies                           |
| Cranial abnormalities  | Neuromuscular disorders                       |
| Cystic fibrosis  | Ocular defects and conditions (eye)           |
| Degenerative diseases  | Otologic (hearing) defects and conditions     |
| Dental care  | Renal conditions and dialysis                 |
|  | Tumors  |

***Excluded Conditions:***

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease (carditis)               | Meningitis, arachnoiditis and encephalitis    |
| Appendicitis   | Neonatal hepatitis                            |
| Behavioral disorders (including emotional problems and learning disorders) | Neurosis                                      |
| Encopresis   | Obesity                                       |
| Enuresis (bed-wetting) (incontinence)                                      | Personality disorders                         |
| Gastrointestinal allergies   | Psychosis                                     |
| Medical management of comatose states                                      | Respiratory ailments, acute infections        |
|  | Spinal cord, cranial and closed head injuries |
|  | Umbilical, femoral or inguinal hernias        |

***FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:***

There is not any financial eligibility criteria for diagnostics, service coordination, and the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program.

***General Financial Eligibility:***

General financial eligibility is based upon the family's gross income and assets. CMS eligibility guidelines reflect 200% of poverty from 1999 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Currently, to be eligible, the gross annual, monthly, bi-weekly or weekly income of the individual or the household shall not exceed the following:

General Financial Eligibility: (continued)

Family Size	CMS Monthly 200%	CMS Biweekly 200%	SCHIP Monthly 235%	SCHIP Biweekly 235%	HKF Monthly 300%	HKF Biweekly 300%
1	\$1,373	\$634	\$1,614	\$745	\$2,060	\$951
2	1,843	851	2,166	1,000	2,765	1,276
3	2,313	1,068	2,718	1,255	3,470	1,602
4	2,783	1,285	3,270	1,509	4,175	1,927
5	3,253	1,502	3,822	1,764	4,880	2,252
6	3,723	1,718	4,375	2,019	5,585	2,578
7	4,193	1,935	4,927	2,274	6,290	2,903
8	4,663	2,152	5,479	2,529	6,995	3,228
9	5,133	2,369	6,032	2,784	7,700	3,554
10	5,603	2,586	6,584	3,039	8,405	3,879
Add for each additional family member	\$470	\$217	\$552	\$255	\$705	\$325

Note: This chart lists biweekly (26 paychecks annually), not semi-monthly (24 paychecks annually).

**ASSETS**

Maximum allowable total assets are:

Family Size	Assets
1	5,000
2	5,000
3	6,000
4	6,000
5	7,000
6	7,000
7	8,000
8	8,000
9	9,000
10	9,000
11	10,000
12	10,000
13	11,000
14	11,000
15	12,000

Note: For every two persons in the household, the allowable assets standard is increased by \$1,000.

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

Diagnostic services are available regardless of income.

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

Families whose income exceeds the financial eligibility criteria may be required to contribute to the cost of treatment.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

***SERVICES:***

CMS offers service coordination, diagnostic, treatment, clinical or surgical, nutrition, follow-up care services and transportation for eligible conditions.

***Excluded Services:***

Experimental drugs and procedures are excluded.

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

Services are provided at both outreach clinics operated by the CMS clinical staff and private physicians.

***Specialty Clinics/Programs:***

Adult cystic fibrosis program

Cleft palate clinic

Developmental evaluation clinic

Dysmorphology/Genetics clinic

Endocrine clinic

Family-infant-toddler program

Healthier kids fund

Neurology clinic

Pulmonary program/clinic

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

CMS provides for services outside the state of New Mexico when:

- a) The specific service is not available in New Mexico;
- b) An eligible client is temporarily out of state and does not qualify for medical assistance in the state of temporary residence, and the health of the client would be endangered if services were postponed until return to New Mexico or by travel to New Mexico; or
- c) For an eligible client, excessive time, distance and expense would be involved in order to obtain services in New Mexico.

**COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:**

***Coordination of Financial Benefits:***

CMS has not yet enforced its sliding fee schedule for clinics, except for third party reimbursement, if available, regardless of family income.

***Coordination of Services:***

Service Coordination is provided by a staff of social workers who:

- a) provide information to community providers and other agencies;
- b) determine patient eligibility;
- c) conduct outreach, intake and follow-up services to preschool children at risk for developmental delay;
- d) assist families in coping with the social, economic and emotional aspects of the medical conditions and in securing timely treatment for the child; and
- e) assist families in accessing resources/services through their own Medicaid/insurance plan

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

CMS maintains a Children's Chronic Conditions Registry (CCCR) with approximately 180,000 entries. The entries are generated from both public agencies and private physicians offices. With additional funding from CDC, the Division is in the process of implementing a birth defects registry (BDPASS-Birth Defects Prevention and Surveillance System) which will link with the CCCR.

The newborn hearing screening program (Hear Early) administered by CMS began 1/96. This partnership among public and private physicians, hospitals, audiologists, and the Department of Health was implemented to insure that newborns would be screened before they leave the hospitals, and that a system of follow up would be developed for those children who fail the hearing screening. Currently 92% of children are being screened.

The Healthier Kids Fund Program, funded by school health funds, was implemented to provide primary care services for children ages 3-19 years who have no other source of payment for health care in 11/95. Nearly 15,377 children were served last fiscal year. The current enrollment is about 6,000 children. Where families are suspected of being eligible for Medicaid, they are encouraged and assisted with the application. New enrollment for the Healthier Kids Fund was curtailed mid-year, due to a lack of budget.

The Newborn Genetic Screening Program is housed within the CMS Program. New Mexico screens for: PKU, Galactemia, sickle cell anemia, hypothyroidism, and CAH-Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia.

***STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:***

- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 24-2-1, et. seq.
- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 28-16-9, et. seq.
- N.M. Reg. HED 100, et. seq.