

Medical Coverage continued ...

Children's Special Health Services Specialty Care Diagnostic and Treatment Program helps families pay for medical services to diagnose and treat children with eligible medical conditions from birth to age 21. (800.755.2714)

Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota (CHAND) provides comprehensive health insurance to residents of North Dakota who have been denied health insurance or are considered high risk. (800.737.0016)

Student Health Plans are available for purchase by students who don't have health insurance through a parent's health insurance policy or who have limited coverage due to network service areas. Student plans are sold by an insurer that has contracted with a college to offer coverage to its students. In general, these plans have more limited benefits and more exclusions than traditional health insurance plans. (Contact an insurance agent to inquire about student health plans.)

Vision Coverage

Vision USA provides basic eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured, low-income people and their families. (701.258.6766) www.aoa.org/visionusa.xml

VSP Sight for Students is a charity that provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income, uninsured children. (888.290.4964)

Prescription Coverage

Prescription Connection for North Dakota is a program of the North Dakota Insurance Department that connects kids and families with free and discounted prescription drugs direct from the pharmaceutical manufacturer. (888.575.6611 or www.rxconnectnd.org)

ND Prescription Drug Repository Program collects and distributes donated medications from hospitals, hospices and other facilities so that pharmacies and physicians can dispense them to those who struggle paying for prescriptions regardless of insurance coverage. The medications and supplies are unopened and secure but cannot be resold to patients. (www.nodakpharmacy.com)



Health-Care Programs

Shriners Hospitals for Children provide no-cost medical care to children with orthopedic problems, spinal cord injuries or burns. (800.237.5055)

Community Health Centers (CHC) serve all patients regardless of their ability to pay for services. CHCs are located in Beulah, Center, Fargo, Halliday, Larimore, McClusky, Northwood, Rolette, Towner and Turtle Lake. Contact 701.221.9824 for specific site contact information.

North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD) may provide fund raising or some financial assistance for individuals with disabilities. (800-532-6323)

United Health Care Children's Foundation embraces and supports the concept of facilitating access to health-related services that have the potential to significantly enhance either the clinical condition or the quality of life of the child and that are not fully covered by the available commercial health benefit plan. The Foundation provides financial assistance toward the family's share of the cost of medical services. (www.uhccf.org)

Indian Health Service (IHS) provides health services to American Indians and Alaskan Natives who belong to federally recognized tribes. The IHS administers health services through IHS facilities, through tribally-operated facilities and by contracting for health services. (www.ihs.gov)

Service Organizations such as the Elks, Kiwanas, Sertoma, Lions and Quota may offer assistance with the medical-related expenses. (Check the local phone book for contact numbers.)



Health-Care Coverage Options

Dental Coverage

Safety Net Dental Clinics are programs that usually see patients who do not have other access to dental care. The patients typically are covered by Medicaid or the clinic offers sliding fee schedules or reduced fees.

- **Bridging the Dental Gap** is a nonprofit community dental clinic serving low-income and uninsured individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan area. (701.221.0158)
- **Family Healthcare Center Dental Clinic** is a federally qualified community health center serving low-income and uninsured individuals within the Fargo Red River Valley Region. (701.271.3332)
- **Red River Valley Dental Access Project** serves low-income, uninsured and Medicaid-eligible individuals who have urgent dental pain and do not have access to a dentist in Fargo-Moorhead. (701.364.5364)
- **Valley Community Health Center Dental Clinic** is a federally qualified health center serving low-income, uninsured and insured individuals of all ages in the Northern Red River Valley. (701.757.2100)

North Dakota Donated Dental Services is a network of volunteer dentists who provide dental care to the state's most vulnerable people: disabled, elderly or medically compromised individuals who cannot afford necessary treatment nor get public aid. (866.572.9390)

Jerene's Wish is a program that provides orthodontic treatment at a minimal cost to eligible children. For more information contact Warford Orthodontics at 701.255.1311 or at info@warfordorthodontics.com.



**Please note, this is not an all-inclusive list of health-care coverage options.

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Medical Coverage

Medicaid provides comprehensive medical, dental and vision coverage to North Dakota children and adults.

- **Children with Disabilities Medicaid Coverage** allows qualifying children with disabilities to buy into Medicaid. The program provides comprehensive coverage through Medicaid, including dental and mental health coverage, in return for a premium. (Apply at your local county social service office.)
- **Children with Medically Fragile Needs Medicaid Waiver** is designed to assist qualifying medically fragile children between ages 3 and 18. The child needs to be living at home, be Medicaid eligible, be able to meet Level of Care criteria for a nursing home and meet criteria based on the Level of Need. (701.328.3701)
- **Worker's with Disabilities Medicaid Coverage** allows some individuals with disabilities who want to work, or who are already working and who want to increase their earnings, to do so without fear of losing their Medicaid coverage. It allows qualifying individuals to buy into Medicaid. The program provides comprehensive coverage through Medicaid, including dental and mental health coverage in return for a premium. (Apply at your local county social service office.)
- **Children & Family Coverage** provides coverage to children younger than 21, to pregnant women, and to adult caretakers of deprived children. Most receive full coverage; however, some with higher income may be required to pay for a portion of their care. (Apply at your local county social service office.)
- **Age and Disabled Coverage** provides coverage to blind and disabled individuals and those older than 65. Recipients may be required to pay for a portion of their care based on their income. (Apply at your local county social service office.)

Healthy Steps is a benefit program for eligible North Dakota children to age 19 who do not have a source of health-care coverage. The program offers comprehensive medical, dental and vision coverage. (877.KIDS.NOW or 877.543.7669)

Caring for Children is a benefit program for eligible North Dakota children to age 19 who do not have another source of health-care coverage. The program offers primary medical and dental care as well as mental health and chemical dependency treatment. (800.342.4718)

