

**TREATMENT**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Child must be a North Dakota resident.
- Child must be birth to age 21.
- Child must have a special health care need. For treatment services, a child is medically eligible if he or she has a condition that is included on a list of more than 100 eligible conditions treated under the SHS Specialty Care Program.
- Family is financially eligible at 185 percent of the federal poverty level. See income guidelines chart below.

**INCOME GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE 5/1/2018**

Family Size	Gross/Adjusted Gross Income is no more than:
1	\$ 22,459
2	\$ 30,451
3	\$ 38,443
4	\$ 46,435
5	\$ 54,427
6	\$ 62,419
7	\$ 70,411

Gross income is generally used to determine financial eligibility. Adjusted gross income is used in instances of self-employment. Financial eligibility is determined annually.

If family income is above the federal poverty level, a child may still be eligible with a monthly cost/share. This means that the family must spend a designated amount for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the family unit before SHS will pay for care or services for the eligible child.

**IMPORTANT FACTS/TIPS**

- Except for emergencies, families apply at the county social service office in their county of residence.
- If both financial and medical eligibility is present and treatment is planned, the application is approved for the specific medical condition. Effective date for services may be 90 days prior to application, when needed.
- To ensure high quality care, eligible children must receive services from a specialist who is approved to provide care under SHS. A regularly updated list of North Dakota specialists who have met the standards established by SHS is available.
- Payment for services is coordinated with other available sources of health-care coverage.
- Restrictions or coverage limitations may apply for certain services or eligible conditions.

**PARTIAL LIST OF COVERED SERVICES**

- Care coordination (by county social service staff)
- Dental services
- Formula (special)
- Genetic testing, evaluation and counseling
- Hearing aids
- Home health care in lieu of hospitalization
- Illnesses occurring during hospitalization
- Inpatient hospitalization
- Laboratory tests, X-rays and other diagnostic studies
- Medical equipment (limited to funding availability)
- Medications
- Nutrition services
- Occupational therapy
- Outpatient hospital services
- Physical therapy
- Physician's, nurse practitioner's and physician assistant's services
- Prosthetic and orthotic appliances
- Respiratory therapy
- Speech therapy
- Supplies
- Vision services

**PARTIAL LIST OF UNCOVERED SERVICES**

- Ambulance charges
- Purchase of wheelchairs and hospital beds
- Hospice care
- Immunizations (routine childhood)
- Respite care
- Special shoes or shoe corrections, except when they are needed in relation to the fitting of a brace or other orthopedic appliance
- Well-child care
- Chiropractic care
- Transportation, meals and lodging (can be used to spend down monthly cost share when applicable)
- Care prior to the birth of an infant (e.g., fetal surgery)
- Routine infant formula (Similac, Enfamil, etc.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Call or write Special Health Services at the following:

**Special Health Services**  
**North Dakota Department of Health**  
**600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 301**  
**Bismarck, ND 58505-0200**  
**701.328.2436**  
**ND toll-free 800.755.2714**  
**dohcshsadm@nd.gov**  
[www.ndhealth.gov/cshs/](http://www.ndhealth.gov/cshs/)

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND EVALUATION



**ELIGIBILITY**

- Child must be a North Dakota resident.
- Child must be birth to age 21.
- Child must have a special health care need. For diagnostic services, a child is medically eligible if he or she has or MAY POTENTIALLY HAVE a condition that is included on a list of more than 100 eligible conditions treated under the SHS Specialty Care Program.
- Financial eligibility is NOT required for diagnostic services.

**PARTIAL LIST OF SHS ELIGIBLE CONDITIONS**

Acquired brain injury  
Asthma  
Bony deformities  
Burns  
Cancer  
Cerebral palsy  
Cleft lip and/or palate  
Cystic fibrosis  
Dental disorders  
Diabetes  
Genito-urinary tract anomalies  
Growth hormone deficiency  
Hearing loss  
Heart conditions  
Hemophilia  
Joint deformity  
Malocclusion  
Muscular dystrophy  
Phenylketonuria  
Rheumatoid arthritis  
Scoliosis  
Seizure disorders  
Spina bifida  
Strabismus

**IMPORTANT FACTS/TIPS**

- Anyone may refer a child for diagnostic services.
- Except for emergencies, families apply at the county social service office in their county of residence.
- Diagnostic examinations provided by specialists promote early diagnosis of SHS-eligible medical conditions.
- Diagnostic services can be used to secure a diagnosis when the diagnosis of a potentially eligible condition is unknown. Examinations can be covered until a decision about medical eligibility is reached.
- Effective date for services may be 90 days prior to application, when needed.
- To ensure high quality care, eligible children must receive services from a specialist who is approved to provide care under SHS. A regularly updated list of North Dakota specialists who have met the standards established by SHS is available.
- Payment for services is coordinated with other available sources of health-care coverage.

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