



Branch Hillsdale St. Joseph Community Health Agency Frequently Asked Questions about...

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (CSHCS)

What is Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)?

CSHCS, Children's Special Health Care Services, is a program that offers children/adult's medical treatment assistance with chronic, severe, health problems; and provides service coordination to meet the child and family needs. Families of all income levels are eligible to enroll in the CSHCS program.

How does my child qualify for the CSHCS program?

A medical eligible diagnosis must be established. Please call 269-273-2161 ext 209 or 210 in St. Joseph County, or 517-279-9561 ext 110 or 146 for Branch and Hillsdale counties.

How can this program help pay for my child to see a specialist?

Referrals may be written to be evaluated by a specialist. CSHCS will cover the cost of the evaluation; other primary insurance's that the family has will always be billed first.

Are there resources to help pay for specialized equipment (wheelchairs, O2, etc)?

Yes there is, if the child/adult is medically eligible for the CSHCS program.

Is money available to pay for unusual equipment needs (van-lifts, tie downs, ramp) for my child or me?

Yes, if approved. The State of Michigan has established a Special Needs Fund to help pay for such items. Funding is limited and based upon availability.

Are there resources to help pay for medication (insulin, etc)?

Yes, if your child or you are enrolled in the CSCHS program, certain medications ordered by the specialist are covered when they relate to your child's or your medical condition.

Can CSCHS help pay for lodging and transportation for me if I or my child has Dr. appointments or if my child is in the hospital?

Yes, some families do receive this benefit.

Is help available if I need to take my child out of State for medical care?

Possibly, CSHCS doctors must make that decision and child or adult must be enrolled in the CSHCS program prior to approval with a Michigan specialist to coordinate care.

My insurance does not cover hearing aids, glasses or orthodontics. What can I do?

Hearing Aids, glasses and even orthodontics may be covered, if the medical condition is approved for these items.

I cannot afford the diabetic supplies that are needed. What can I do?

CSHCS can possibly help with this need. CSHCS will need a medical report from the child's specialist to determine eligibility.

For More information about Children's Special Health Care Services, visit us on the web at:

www.bhsj.org

Or contact the Community Health Agency representatives at:

St. Joseph County
269-273-2161 ext 209 or 210

Branch or Hillsdale Counties
517-279-9561 ext 110 or 146.