

# Special Health Services Financial Coverage Program

The Special Health Services (SHS) Financial Coverage Program provides coverage for services that promote early diagnosis and treatment to children with special health conditions who meet eligibility criteria.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Child must be a North Dakota Resident.
- Child must be birth to age 21.
- Child must be medically eligible. The child must have, or potentially have, a special health care need. 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 Financial Coverage Program. A full list of eligible conditions and more details about the program can be found at <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/children/special-health-services/financial-coverage-program>.
- Family must be financially eligible. A family is financially eligible at 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

## INCOME GUIDELINES

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.

## DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND EVALUATION SERVICES

To confirm or rule out a diagnosis, these services pay for more extensive cardiac tests to families who meet financial eligibility guidelines. Third-party payers such as private insurance and Medicaid are billed when available. Covered tests may include:

- Chest X-Ray
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Echocardiogram (echo)
- Select Laboratory Tests (CBC, Liver Function, Lipid Profile, Electrolytes, Iron Testing)
- Diagnostic Heart Catheterization
- Ambulatory Electrocardiogram Monitoring (Holter Monitor)
- Stress Test

## TREATMENT SERVICES

Payment for treatment of cardiac conditions for children is available for families who meet financial eligibility guidelines. Third-party payers such as private insurance and Medicaid are billed when available. Covered services may include:

- Periodic Electronic Monitoring of Cardiac Pacemaker
- Surgery
- Cardiologist Office Visits
- Hospitalization
- Medication
- Laboratory Tests (INR)

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- 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 up to 90 days before the 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 list of North Dakota specialists who have met the standards is established and available from SHS.
- Payment for services is coordinated by SHS staff with other available sources of health care coverage.
- Restrictions of coverage may apply for certain services or eligible conditions.
- Covered services are any services that may be considered payable per SHS Policy.
- To apply to the Financial Coverage Program, visit <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/children/special-health-services/financial-coverage-program> or contact the SHS Claims and Eligibility Administrator at 701-328-4816 or [tfeigitsch@nd.gov](mailto:tfeigitsch@nd.gov).

## FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES

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