



**Children with
Special Health Care Needs
(CSHCN)
Service Enhancement
Program**

Improves health outcomes of CSHCN by advancing a quality, comprehensive system of care that promotes the healthy development and well-being of children and their families.

Six core outcomes that describe the system of services for CSHCN include:

- Family professional partnership
- Medical home
- Adequate health insurance
- Early and continuous screening and surveillance
- Easy-to-use services and supports
- Transition to adult health care

Special Health Services provides information and referral services on the following topics free of charge:

- Medical conditions
- Health and related services
- Health care coverage
- Health care providers
- Well-child health care
- Child development
- Financial assistance
- Youth transition to adult health care
- Family/parent-to-parent support



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Contact your local county social services office for more information about SHS.

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**Do you have a child
with special
health care needs
birth to age 21?**



**Special Health
Services
may be able
to help.**

MISSION OF SHS

The Division of Special Health Services (SHS) mission is to promote a system of care and services that improves the health and well-being of individuals with special health care needs and their families.



Cross-cutting implementation strategies at the heart of all SHS programs include:

- Care coordination
- Collaboration
- Data-informed decisions
- Information and education

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Coordinated Services Program

Provides services and resources that support coordinated management of specific chronic health conditions.

Services within this program include:

- **Metabolic Food** - Provides medical food and low-protein modified food products to individuals with PKU and MSUD. Age requirements apply.
- **Multidisciplinary Clinics** - Families are able to see many different providers and health care professionals in one place at one time (asthma, cleft lip and palate, autism, etc.). Contact SHS for a complete listing.
- **Cardiac Care for Children** - Provides an initial examination by a participating pediatric cardiologist and routine tests for children with cardiac conditions in addition to linkage and referral services.

Financial Coverage Program

Helps families pay for medical services for eligible children, youth and young adults who require specialty care to diagnose and treat their chronic health conditions.

- **Diagnostic Testing and Evaluation** - Provides coverage for services that promote early diagnoses of SHS eligible medical conditions.
- **Treatment** - Provides coverage for services to children with chronic health conditions who meet medical and financial eligibility criteria.
- **Russell Silver Syndrome** - Provides coverage for growth hormone treatment and medical food.



Newborn Screening and Follow-up Program

The goal of this program is to identify conditions at an early age when treatment and intervention can prevent health problems, support early development, and save lives.

Newborn screening consists of three simple tests:

- **Blood spot** - Newborns are screened for nearly 50 genetic and metabolic conditions.
- **Hearing screening** - Newborns are screened for hearing loss.
- **Critical Congenital Heart Disease** - Screening that checks newborns oxygen levels to identify serious heart defects.

For infants with a condition identified through newborn screening, follow-up is available to ensure the child receives services that support their health, growth, development, and overall function.

