Indiana Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) provides supplemental medical coverage to help families of children who have serious, chronic medical conditions, age birth to 21 years of age, who meet the program’s financial and medical criteria, pay for treatment related to their child’s condition.

Financial Eligibility
A family with an income before taxes no greater than 250% of the federal poverty level may be eligible for the program. The financial level changes every year. For current financial eligibility see CSHCS website: www.in.gov/isdh/19613.htm

For Special Children...

Medical Eligibility
Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) is a program to help Indiana children with severe chronic medical conditions which:

- Have lasted (or are expected to last) at least two years;
- Will produce disability; disfigurement, or limits the child’s ability to function;
- Requires special diet or devices; or
- Without treatment would produce a chronic disabling physical condition.

Some of the physical conditions which may qualify a child for services from CSHCS include:

- Apnea
- Arthritis
- Asthma-severe, 2 medications daily
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Chronic Anemia (e.g. Sickle Cell)
- Chromosomal Disorders
- Chronic Pulmonary Disease
- Cleft Lip and/or Palate
- Congenital or acquired developmental deformities
- Congenital Heart Disease or Arrhythmia’s
- Cystic Fibrosis (life time medical eligibility)
- Endocrine Deficiencies (e.g. Diabetes)
- Hydrocephalus
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Inborn Errors of Metabolism (e.g. PKU)
- Myelodysplasia or Spinal cord Dysfunction (e.g. Spina Bifida)
- Neuromuscular Dysfunction (e.g. Cerebral Palsy)
- Oncologic Disorders (e.g. Cancer)
- Profound Bilateral Hearing Loss
- Renal Disease
- Seizure Disorder
- Severe Hemophilia

How Do You Apply?
You may contact your local county Division of Family Resources, First Steps Agency, or Riley Hospital.

To complete the application, you'll need to bring these documents:

- Your child’s birth certificate;
- Proof of residence (rent or property payment receipt, voter’s registration, driver’s license);
- Health insurance information;
- Proof for all household members income (most recently filed federal income tax forms, three consecutive current paycheck stubs, all Government Award letters, private/public pension information, child support or TANF).
What Services Are Available?
For eligible applicants, services may include:

- Diagnostic evaluations
- Comprehensive well child and sick child care
- Specialty care and other services related to the eligible medical conditions
- Immunizations
- Prescription drugs
- Routine dental care
- Community referrals and information

Important Items To Remember.

- All primary insurance policies must be followed before CSHCS will consider payment.
- All insurance must be used first.
- All equipment, supplies, therapy, hospitalizations, and emergency room visits must be directly related to the eligible medical condition and must be authorized.
- Medical and financial eligibility will be reevaluated annually.

Contact CSHCS Eligibility Section at 800-475-1355 with any questions regarding enrollment.

Special Care For Children with Special Needs.

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Children’s Special Health Care Services
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For children 0-3 years of age with developmental disabilities, call Indiana First Steps 800-441-STEP