


Department of Public Health and Human Services– Policy

	Category:	<i>Social Assistance</i>
	Policy:	<i>Children’s Special Health Services Financial Assistance</i>
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS) financial assistance (FA) program is to provide limited monetary assistance for treatment and enabling services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). This policy sets forth guidelines to determine eligibility for the individual and the enabling or treatment service for which they are requesting assistance.

2. POLICY

1. FA eligibility determinations are made by the Nurse Program Manager in consultation with the State Medical Officer as deemed necessary.
2. CSHS Financial Assistance is **not** available for the following:
 - a) any treatment or service that is unrelated to the chronic condition or risk category for which the child or youth has been approved to receive financial assistance (e.g. acute care, dental work that is unrelated to a chronic condition or risk category)
 - b) a CYSHCN residing outside of the State of Montana
 - c) services or treatment provided outside of Montana, unless the required service is not available in-state or, due to travel time, the requirement to obtain in-state services places an undue hardship on a family;
 - d) clinical trials and non-FDA approved medications;
 - e) experimental treatments and/or services
 - f) treatments and/or services that are *not* evidence based or considered best practice
- B. Any treatment or service in conflict with this policy or the Administrative Rule may be denied at the discretion of CSHS staff.
- C. Allowable risk categories are determined by the Nurse Program Manager in consultation with the CSHS Supervisor.


3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all CSHS determining services eligible to the applicant.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

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5. DEFINITIONS

1. Child or Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN): a child or youth, under the age of 22, who has or is at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also requires health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.
2. Enabling services: nonclinical services that enable individuals to access health care and improve health outcomes. Enabling services include, but are not limited to: case management, care coordination, referrals, home visiting, respite care, specialized daycare or preschool, translation/interpretation, transportation, eligibility assistance, health education for individuals or families, and outreach.
3. Risk category: any condition of a child or youth's life which qualifies them as being at an increased risk for chronic physical, development, behavioral, or emotional condition, further qualifying them as a CYSHCN. This may include but is not limited to: living in poverty, in the foster care or Child Protective Services system, having a parent with a disabling condition, multiple adverse childhood experiences, or homelessness.
4. Treatment: medical, corrective, and/or surgical intervention to alleviate a disabling condition or as recommended by a provider based on a CYSHCN's risk category, including for initial testing and diagnosis. This includes medications and medical equipment.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION


7. RELATED FEDERAL, STATE OR REGULATORY GUIDANCE

1. [ARM 37.51.101-118](#)
2. [50-1-202, MCA](#)

8. RECORDS

Record	Where Filed	Responsible Individual	Indexing Method	Minimum Retention Time
CSHS_FA_Tracking	H:\FCH\CSHS\FA Programs\Finacial Assistance\CSHS_FA	CSHS Health Education Specialist	Alphabetically, by federal fiscal year	7 years.

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9. REVISION LOG

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