

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

FAQ For Families of Children With Metabolic Disorders

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

CSHCS is a program within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). It provides health coverage and support for children with eligible special health care needs and their families.

Is my child eligible for CSHCS?

Yes! Children under the age of 21 who need treatment with metabolic formula qualify. The child or family must meet citizenship and MI residency criteria.

How can CSHCS help my child and family?

The coverage, support and services provided by CSHCS vary depending upon the child's or family's needs. Some potential benefits* of CSHCS for families of children with metabolic conditions **may** include:

- Payment of specialty medical bills required to treat the child's metabolic disorder that are not covered by insurance.
- Coverage of copayment and/or deductibles related to the metabolic disorder. This includes out-of-pocket charges for metabolic formula, clinic visits and related laboratory testing, and prescriptions for management of the condition.
- Troubleshooting and help with transportation to and from medical providers and clinic visits
- Coordination of medical services and community-based support services.

* *Please check with your local CSHCS office to determine how you would benefit.*

Are there financial eligibility requirements?

No. Financial information is not considered when determining CSHCS eligibility. Families of all income levels can enroll their children in CSHCS.

Is there a fee to join CSHCS?

Yes. Your family will need to complete an *Income Review/Payment Agreement* form that is included in the CSHCS enrollment packet. The amount a family is required to pay each year varies and is based on family size and income. There is no fee if your child is on Medicaid or MICHild.



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I have more than one child with a metabolic condition. Is there a fee for each child to join CSHCS?

No. If more than one child is eligible for CSHCS, there is still only one payment agreement for that family.

What else should I consider to determine whether or not CSHCS would be financially beneficial to my family?

CSHCS may pay for more than just metabolic formula for your child. Other visits, treatments and services related to the metabolic condition may be covered as well. It is important to consider all of the out-of-pocket costs your family pays in caring for your child with a metabolic condition.

How do we apply for CSHCS?

Ask the social worker at your child's metabolic clinic to submit a medical report to CSHCS. Once medical eligibility is established, you will receive an application. For assistance with the application or understanding how CSHCS may be able to help your family's situation, call **your local health department CSHCS office** or the **Family Phone line at 800-359-3722**. You can also contact the Family Center at cs hcscfc@michigan.gov.