

# Children's Special Services

## WHAT EXACTLY IS IT ANYWAY?

Children's Special Services (CSS) provides comprehensive medical care for children with disabilities from birth to 21 years of age. Diagnostic and financial eligibility criteria must be met to participate in the program.

*If you have a client with special health care needs, please contact Elizabeth Williamson at 615-253-2950 for more information.*



### Diagnostic Criteria:

A child under the age of twenty-one (21) who is deemed "chronically handicapped" by any reason of physical infirmity, which requires medical, surgical, dental, or rehabilitation treatment.

The CSS program is coordinated through the local health departments in all ninety-five counties and provides resources for medical and non-medical services.

### CSS may pay for the following services:

- diagnostic evaluation
- hospitalization
- rehabilitation services
- pharmacy services
- speech & language therapy
- hearing aids
- medical & surgical treatment
- care coordination
- physical & occupational therapy
- braces & artificial limbs
- durable medical equipment
- wheelchairs and walkers

### Financial Criteria:

This is based on family size and income level. The child's family income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.



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