

Children's Special Health Care Services Administrative Policy Manual

Benefit – Access to Care Policy # B-3a



Title: Director,
Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

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Title: Medical Eligibility Determination

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Purpose: To ensure that the CSHCS program fairly & consistently assesses applicants, re-applicants and participants undergoing re-evaluation of eligibility, for the eligible medical conditions defined in the Rules for Medical Eligibility in the CSHCS program:

To utilize a review mechanism, which

- Balances the requirement to obtain adequate medical documentation.
- Minimizes the burden or hardship upon the applicant/participant or their parent/guardian.
- Focuses upon the evident need for services of the applicant/participant.

Rule References:

- 410 IAC 3.2-1-28- "Processing and application" defined
- 410 IAC 3.2-2-4- Application process and enrollment in the Medicaid program
- 410 IAC 3.2-2-5- State Department of Health responsibilities in the application process
- 410 IAC 3.2-5-2- Family responsibility to disclose information
- 410 IAC 3.2-6-2- Medical eligibility
- IC 16-35-2-9- Cystic fibrosis; Services extended to afflicted persons
- IC -16-35-2-10- Autistic children

Policy: To determine an applicant's/participant's Medical Eligibility to participate in the CSHCS program based upon current information concerning the medical diagnosis categories eligible for the CSHCS program and from current medical information concerning the applicant/participant.

Medical Eligibility Definition:

1. **Medical Eligibility** is based upon the medical conditions detailed in the following references:

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- **410 IAC 302-6-2- Medical eligibility**
 - **IC 16-35-2-9- Cystic fibrosis; services extended to afflicted persons.**
 - **16-35-2-10 Autistic children.**
- 2. For an applicant/participant to be **Medically eligible** for the CSHCS program they must have cystic fibrosis, or be under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age and have a medically eligible condition over two (2) years in duration, which if not treated, will require health care services which exceed recommendations of the **American of Pediatric (AAP)** for a child of that age (i.e. if the **AAP** recommends one (1) yearly physical exam, the applicant/participant must require physical examination more than once yearly). Where there is no medical necessary intervention or treatment for the condition, the applicant /participant does not meet the requirement of necessitation “more health care services than is usually required for a person of that age.”
- 3. Additionally, the physical condition must produce disability, disfigurement, limitation of function, need for a special diet or dependence on an assistive device. If the physical condition does not produce the above, it must lead to a chronic disabling physical condition within one (1) year if not treated.