

What will it cost me?

By signing the district's authorization form, the school district will be allowed to file for CHIP/Medicaid reimbursement at no cost to you, and you will not lose any CHIP/Medicaid benefits. The funds received from Medicaid will be used by your school district to enhance special education services.

How do I become eligible?

An application is available through your local Department of Social Services office. If you are unable to determine the location of your county office, you can call **1-800-305-3064** to determine the office nearest you. Check with your local Department of Social Services office for current income guidelines.

How do I apply?

You can get an application at any Department of Social Services office, and many hospitals, schools, and other community locations.

AREA SOCIAL SERVICES CONTACTS

| <u>County</u> | <u>Phone Number</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| Hanson | 995-8000 (Mitchell) |
| Hutchinson | 387-4219 (Olivet) |
| Lincoln | 764-5761 (Canton) |
| <small>(If you are a Lincoln County resident with a mailing address of Harrisburg, Tea, or Sioux Falls, please see Minnehaha County.)</small> | |
| McCook..... | 425-2271 (Salem) |
| Minnehaha..... | 367-5444 (Sioux Falls) |
| Miner | 772-5770 (Howard) |
| Turner | 297-3251(Parker) |

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FREE Health Insurance for Children under the Age of 19



South Dakota's **Children's Health Insurance Programs**

Apply TODAY for a healthier TOMORROW!

The CHIP program is provided at no cost to reduce the number of uninsured children in South Dakota and to improve the quality of medical care for a healthier tomorrow.

Children can qualify for this program if they are within the income limits and under the age of 19.

Services Available Include:

- Physician's Services
- Hospital Services
- Vision Care
- Dental Care
- Prescription Drugs
- Medical, Dental, and Vision Screening
- Chiropractic
- Mental Health
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Other Medical Service

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

INCOME GUIDELINES

For CHIP eligibility, compare your adjusted monthly income to the charts below.

CHART #1

To figure adjusted income, start with gross monthly income and subtract the following.

- 20 percent of gross earnings OR \$90, whichever is greater for each employed parent.
- \$50 if you receive child support
- The child support you pay out monthly.
- Child care paid out monthly due to employment.
- **See more information below on applying for CHIP.**
- If adjusted income is over the amounts in CHART #1 AND the child does NOT have private health insurance, continue to CHART #2.

CHART #2

To figure adjusted income, start with gross monthly income and subtract the following:

- \$50 if you receive child support.
- The child support you pay out monthly
- Child care paid monthly due to employment (cannot be more than \$500)
- **See more information on applying for CHIP.**

| | Family with Private Insurance | Family with <u>NO</u> Private Insurance |
|-------------|---|--|
| Family Size | Adjusted Income Limit: CHART #1 | Adjusted Income Limit: CHART #2 |
| 1 | \$1,271 | \$1,815 |
| 2 | \$1,717 | \$2,452 |
| 3 | \$2,162 | \$3,089 |
| 4 | \$2,608 | \$3,725 |
| 5 | \$3,054 | \$4,362 |
| 6 | \$3,499 | \$4,999 |
| 7 | \$3,945 | \$5,635 |

*Amount increases with each additional family member.

If your eligibility income is anywhere close to the monthly income limit or, if you want an official decision, contact your county social service office.

To Apply

To find the phone number of the
Department of Social Services in
your county, call

1-800-305-3064

What is CHIP?

The purpose of CHIP/Medicaid is to assure the availability of quality medical care, including certain special education costs, to families who meet income eligibility. If financially eligible, children are eligible with or without private health insurance. The program is financed jointly by state and federal government and is run by the South Dakota Department of Social Services.

Benefits to families and schools

School districts are required to provide special education services to all eligible children. However, in an effort to maintain the highest quality of special education services to all eligible children and their families, the districts are now seeking assistance in accessing funds for certain special education costs. The benefits for eligible children and their families are two-fold. First, the costs of most medical services for your child will be paid for by CHIP/Medicaid. Second, the school districts now have available a funding source to help defray the cost of special education services provided at the local level.

What school services are covered?

The South Dakota Medicaid/CHIP program provides coverage of services in school districts for the following special education related services when they are provided by properly licensed or certified professionals: psychological services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, speech therapy services, audiological services, and nursing services. These services are provided as part of an evaluation or an Individual Education Program/Individual Family Service Program (IEP/IFSP).