

Applying for Medical Assistance for Children with Special Health Care Needs – Category PH95

Medical Assistance covers all care, prescriptions, and services prescribed by a doctor or other health care provider.

Many children and teens have serious, ongoing physical and/or behavioral health care needs. Medical Assistance, because it covers all medically necessary services, can assure that their complex health care needs are met.

If your child has serious, ongoing health care needs, but your family income is higher than the income rules, you can apply for the Children with Special Needs Program sometimes called PH-95. This program does not count parents' or other caregivers' income.

Medical Assistance supports children in school settings and can provide:

- mobile behavioral therapy and other supports
- health aides
- physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- nursing care
- ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) for children with Autism

To qualify, the child's condition must:

- Be likely to last 12 months or more from its beginning and
- Keep the child from behaving or completing tasks like other children his or her age

To apply for this program, you must complete a Medical Assistance application and send proof of the child's condition:

A health provider's letter stating the child's diagnosis, the start of the condition, how long it's likely to last, its effect on the child's day-to-day life at home and at school, and the treatment plan.

Medical records that may include test results, physical or mental exams, hospital records, and expected outcomes.

The family may be asked to apply for Supplemental Social Security for the child.

For help in applying, call Children First at 215-563-5848 x17