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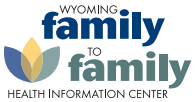

Kid Care-CHIP

Kid Care CHIP provides affordable health insurance including check-ups, dentist, visits, vision care, prescriptions and more. To be eligible for Kid Care CHIP children must meet the following guidelines:

- **A Wyoming resident**
- **A US citizen or lawful, permanent resident who has legally lived in the US for at least 5 years**
- **Have not had their 19th birthday**
- **Have been uninsured for the past 30 days or longer. Some exceptions apply.**
- **Meet income guidelines**
- **Children who are dependents of state employees, are currently in a public institution, or qualify for Medicaid are not eligible for Kid Care CHIP at this time.**

Website: www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/chip/
Apply Online: www.wesystem.wyo.gov
Apply Over the Phone: 1-855-294-2127

Children's Special Health Program (CSH)

Children's Special Health (CSH) is a program for Wyoming children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) who require something beyond routine and basic care.

Services provided by Wyoming's CSH program include:

- **Coordination of care: helping families access services in their community**
- **Financial assistance for qualifying medical conditions (see eligibility for more information)**
- **Genetics and specialty care clinics**
- **Funds for translation services required by CSH clients**
- **Limited funding for transportation**
- **Diagnostic evaluation to determine diagnosis**
- **Some equipment and medications**

Website: www.health.wyo.gov/publichealth/mch/index-4
Phone number: (307) 777-6921

Child Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Waiver

The Child Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Waiver allows for the provision of services that the regular state medicaid plan will not cover for eligible children with developmental disabilities in Wyoming, administered by the Developmental Disabilities Division. Children ages birth through 20 years are eligible if they have been diagnosed with intellectual disablities or a related condition and meet the level of care for an ICF/ID. The goal of the waiver is to provide home and community based services that enable the child to stay in the local community rather than being institutionalized. The intent of the Waiver is to relieve pressures on families by assisting them in meeting the needs of their child with developmental disabilities.

Website: www.health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/dd/
Phone number:(307) 777-7115

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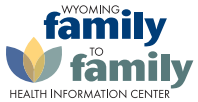

Wyoming Health Insurance Pool

The Wyoming Health Insurance Pool was created by the Wyoming Legislature to provide health insurance coverage to residents of Wyoming who are denied adequate health insurance. This plan is specially designed to meet the needs of those individuals, especially those with disabilities, who are unable to purchase health insurance for themselves because of existing health problems. You can check for eligibility, download the brochure, application, and current premium rates at their website.

Website: http://doi.wyo.gov/consumers/bulletins-links/wyoming-health-insurance-pool
Phone Number: (307) 777-7401

SSI Disability Benefits for a Child

Children from birth up to age 18 may get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. They must be disabled and they must have little or no income and resources. Social Security has a strict definition of disability for children.

- **The child must have a physical or mental condition(s) that seriously limits his or her activities;**
- **The condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least 1 year or result in death.**

A state agency makes the disablity decision. They review the information you give us. They will also ask for information from medical and school sources and other people who know about the child. If the state agency needs more information, they will arrange an examination or test for the child, which SSI will pay for.

Website: www.ssa.gov/disabilityssi/apply-child.html
Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Family Assistance from Department of Family Services

Family Assistance staff determine eligibility for food assistance (SNAP or Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) and Child Care Assistance.

DFS helps those with dependent children to find employment opportunities through a program called Personal Opportunities With Employment Responsibilities (POWER) and help needy families achieve self-sufficiency through a program called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). DFS connects people and health care benefits such as EqualityCare/Medicaid and WIC (a nutrition program for young children, pregnant and breast feeding women), programs administered through the Wyoming Department of Health.

Website: dfsweb.wyo.gov/economic-assistance
Phone: (307) 777-5846

Possibilities, from the PACER Center

A financial resource for students with disabilities, from the PACER Center
Website: www.pacer.org/publications/possibilities