

How To Apply

For application information or to find out more about the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Programs that are available through Saratoga County Public Health Services, please call:

Monday—Friday, between
8:00 am–4:30 pm:

584-7460, Ext. 8367



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<https://twitter.com/CountyPubl>

Information about CSHCN programs are also available on the internet:

Children with Special Health Care Needs

www.health.ny.gov/community/special_needs/

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

www.parentcenterhub.org/

National Organization for Rare Disorders

www.rarediseases.org

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

www.opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/home

Waisman Center

www.waisman.wisc.edu/

NYS Department of Health's Growing Up Healthy Hotline

(800) 522-5006

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Saratoga County Public Health

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS and PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



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CSHCN

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs are children 0-21 years who have or are suspected of having a serious or chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition and who also require health care and related services of a type or amount beyond what is generally required by children.

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program is a New York State Public Health program initiative that provides assistance, information, and referral services for health and related services to families of CSHCN.



(PHCP) PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The PHCP assists eligible families of CSHCN by providing financial assistance to help pay for health care and services for children with severe chronic illnesses and/or physical disabilities, between birth and age 21, who live in Saratoga County and meet established medical and financial eligibility guidelines.

The criteria for the PHCP are as follows:

- Saratoga County residents, birth—21 years of age.
- Medical diagnosis and care services that come under the scope of PHCP eligible conditions.
- Income eligible. Determined by completion of financial application to the local PHCP.
- Ineligible for Medicaid

PHCP provides financial assistance with their health care needs, such as medical care and services, medications, supplies, and equipment. ALL services must be prior approved.

All private health insurance must be applied prior to receiving assistance from the Physically Handicapped Children's Program.

In addition, the following services are also available through PHCP:

Diagnosis and Evaluation (D&E) Program

This is for ANY child within the county who otherwise would not be able to get diagnostic to determine if a PHCP eligible condition applies. Examples of this would be hearing test, MRI's, CAT scans, and EKG's. Call the local PHCP for more information.

Orthodontic Care

A NYS Dental Bureau clinic screening is required to determine the medical eligibility for orthodontic care under PHCP. There is also an income eligibility requirement for this care.

Out-of-State Care

Children that require care outside of New York State may be assisted through PHCP. Prior approval is required by the NYS Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Care Department, and the Saratoga County Public Health Medical Director. For more information, contact the local PHCP Coordinator.

