

Kansas Special Health Care Needs Decision Schema

Follow these steps to determine if a child is medically eligible for the Special Health Care Needs(SHCN) Program.

Children receiving KanCare may also qualify for the Special Health Care Needs Program.

Has the child received a diagnosis? → Yes → See list of qualifying conditions below.

Does the child need a diagnosis? → Yes → Refer to SHCN for One-Time Diagnostic.

****Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is an automatic qualifier for the SHCN program****



Child was identified through Newborn Screening (NBS) → Yes → Refer to SHCN



Hearing Loss → Refer to SHCN



Hydrocephalus or Microcephaly → Refer to SHCN



Craniofacial Anomaly (such as Cleft Lip/Palate) → Refer to SHCN



Cardiac Condition → Refer to SHCN



Spina Bifida → Refer to SHCN



Gastrointestinal or Genitourinary Diagnosis → Is surgery needed? → Yes → Refer to SHCN



Glaucoma, Congenital Cataracts, or Retinal Disorder → Refer to SHCN



Severe Burns → Is surgery or are compression garments needed?

→ Yes → Refer to SHCN



Orthopedic Needs, Spinal Injury, Uses a Mobility Device → Refer to SHCN



Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) → Refer to SHCN



Seizures or Neurological Needs → Refer to SHCN



Autism Spectrum Disorder → Refer to SHCN



Hemophilia → Refer to SHCN



Down Syndrome → Refer to SHCN



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Our program exists to support children whose diagnoses may result in developmental challenges or barriers, along with the families who care for them, ensuring they have access to the resources and coordination they need.

Learn more about the Special Health Care Needs Program
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