



[The Kansas Special Health Care Needs \(SHCN\) Program](#)

promotes the functional skills of persons, who have or are at risk for a disability or chronic disease. The program is responsible for the planning, development, and promotion of the parameters and quality of specialty health care in Kansas in accordance with state and federal funding and direction.

SHCN provides specialized medical services to infants, children and youth up to age 21 who have eligible medical conditions. Additionally, the program provides services to persons of all ages with metabolic or genetic conditions screened through the Newborn Screening.

Services may include diagnostic evaluations, treatment services or care coordination and must be prior authorized. Click here for more information [about services](#).

Special Bequest Fund.

The Special Bequest program was developed to provide children with needed equipment and specialized services that are not traditionally covered by private insurance, Medicaid or the Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) program.

It allows specific request for financial support of medical equipment, specialized care, education or other needed items that can improve health status, function, or quality of life for those with special health care needs. All requests are subject to Special Bequest Commissioner Board approval of a governor-appointed board of five commissioners (one pediatrician and four parents of children with special health care needs). Special Bequest request form can be [submitted online](#). Funds may be limited to \$2,000.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Child is under the age of 21.
- Child meets **both** financial and medical eligibility for the SHCN program;
- Child is a current SSI recipient;
- Child has a current Action Plan on the SHCN program;

Requests have included the following:

- Durable medical equipment;
- Medical supplies;
- Technological devices/software;
- Home and vehicle modification;
- Swimming & horseback riding therapy.
- *Any request that would not traditionally be covered under a Direct Assistance Program (DAP) could be considered for Special Bequest.*

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