

DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS...

CHILDREN'S EXTENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

The Children's Extensive Support Medicaid Waiver Program provides services and supports for a child under 18 years of age with extensive behavioral or medical needs in order to remain in a safe, nurturing environment with his or her family. Children who qualify for this waiver must re-qualify on an annual basis, displaying the need for extremely high amounts of intervention, support, assistance, and supervision.

Children's Extensive Support promotes responsible individual choice and local decision-making by the child's family to address the unmet prioritized needs of the child. The program is designed to supplement existing natural supports and community resources and to prevent out-of-home placement, if possible.

Within the Children's Extensive Support Program, allowable services must not be billable to Medicaid or third party insurance, or the responsibility of the school. Funds received on behalf of each child enrolled are dependent upon available resources state-wide and prioritized needs must be identified on the Individual Plan (IP).

Services provided are to be medically and functionally necessary. Supporting diagnostic information from the enrolled child's medical provider, and/or the completion of various functioning or skill assessments may be required. These services are often based on what is considered more than a typical child's needs at any given age:

- Personal Assistance (Personal Supports/ Supervision, Child Care Services, Household Services)
- Community Connection Services
- Home Modifications
- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Services
- Professional Services
- Medical Equipment and Supplies

This list of available services appears very expansive because of the flexibility to create individually tailored supports. However, the Children's Extensive Support Program is not designed to provide 24-hour service or support for a child.