What will it cost me?
By signing the district's authorization form, the school district will be allowed to file for CHIP/ Medicaid reimbursement at no cost to you, and you will not lose any CHIP/Medicaid benefits. The funds received from Medicaid will be used by your school district to enhance special education services.

How do I become eligible?
An application is available through your local Department of Social Services office. If you are unable to determine the location of your county office, you can call **1-800-305-3064** to determine the office nearest you. Check with your local Department of Social Services office for current income guidelines.

How do I apply?
You can get an application at any Department of Social Services office, and many hospitals, schools, and other community locations.

AREA SOCIAL SERVICES CONTACTS

County	Phone Number
Davison	995-8000 (Mitchell)
Hanson	995-8000 (Mitchell)
Hutchinson	387-4219 (Olivet)
Lake	256-5683 (Madison)
McCook	995-8000 (Mitchell)
Miner	256-5683 (Madison)
Minnehaha	367-5444 (Sioux Falls)
Turner	297-3251 (Parker)

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FREE Health Insurance for Children under the Age of 19



South Dakota's

Children's Health Insurance Programs

Apply TODAY for a healthier TOMORROW!

The CHIP program is provided at no cost to reduce the number of uninsured children in South Dakota and to improve the quality of medical care for a healthier tomorrow.

Children can qualify for this program if they are within the income limits and under the age of 19.

More information can be found at:
https://dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/medical_programs.aspx

Services Available Include:
- **Physician's Services**
- **Hospital Services**
- **Vision Care**
- **Dental Care**
- **Prescription Drugs**
- **Medical, Dental, and Vision Screening**
- **Chiropractic**
- **Mental Health**
- **Durable Medical Equipment**
- **Well-Child Exams**
- **Other Medical Services**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
INCOME GUIDELINES

For CHIP eligibility compare your monthly gross income to the chart below.

Household Size:	Family WITH Private Insurance Maximum Gross Monthly Income Limit:	Family WITHOUT Private Insurance Maximum Gross Monthly Income Limit:
1	$2,487	$2,780
2	$3,372	$3,768
3	$4,258	$4,759
4	$5,143	$5,748
5	$6,027	$6,736
6	$6,913	$7,727
7	$7,798	$8,715
8	$8,682	$9,704

**Amount increases with each additional family member.*

***Adjusted gross income will be used which will take into consideration pretax payroll deductions, child support, student loan interest, etc.*

If your eligibility income is anywhere close to the monthly income limit or, if you want an official decision, contact your county social service office.

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To Apply

To find the phone number of the Department of Social Services in your county, call

1-800-305-3064

What is CHIP?

The purpose of CHIP/Medicaid is to assure the availability of quality medical care, including certain special education costs, to families who meet income eligibility. If financially eligible, children are eligible with or without private health insurance. The program is financed jointly by state and federal government and is run by the South Dakota Department of Social Services.

Benefits to families and schools? School districts are required to provide special education services to all eligible children. However, in an effort to maintain the highest quality of special education services to all eligible children and their families, the districts are now seeking assistance in accessing funds for certain special education costs. The benefits for eligible children and their families are two-fold. First, the costs of most medical services for your child will be paid for by CHIP/Medicaid. Second, the school districts now have available a funding source to help defray the cost of special education services provided at the local level.

What school services are covered?

The South Dakota Medicaid/CHIP program provides coverage of services in school districts for the following special education related services when they are provided by properly licensed or certified professionals: psychological services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, speech therapy services, audiological services, and nursing services. These services are provided as part of an evaluation or an Individual Education Program/Individual Family Service Program (IEP/IFSP).