



Insurance and Other Resources for Children with Cystic Fibrosis (CF)

There are several insurance and financial assistance programs available to help children with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Some of the programs below are dependent on income and individual circumstances. Funding for these services may change at any time. Make sure you are aware of any changes that could affect your ability to receive benefits.

State and Federal financial assistance programs

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

CSHCS is a program for children and some adults with special health care needs. They help pay specialty medical bills, coordinate health insurance benefits, and cover co-pays. CSHCS currently covers CF for the person's full lifetime. If interested, your social worker can start the process and guide you through next steps. Once your child has CSHCS, you will have an assigned County Health Department Worker who can provide resources.

Medicaid assistance

If you plan to add your child on your Medicaid policy, **contact your Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) worker as soon as possible**. Once your child is added to your policy, you may be eligible for lodging, meals or transportation assistance. Contact your DHHS worker for the most up to date information about your Medicaid policy: Central Office Lansing, phone (517) 373-2035 or online at <http://michigan.gov/dhs>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

The Social Security Administration is responsible for administering Social Security Income (SSI). The SSI program provides benefits for certain individuals depending on their health status. SSI is dependent upon medical eligibility so

many children with CF will not medically qualify due to advances made in CF medical care. If you are interested in pursuing SSI, please contact the CF Legal Hotline by calling (800) 622-0385.

Hospital and CF specific assistance

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)

- The CFF is the most accurate and up-to-date resource for information about CF. Sign up for e-mail updates at www.cff.org, click “Get Involved”.
- CFF Compass can help you find financial, legal, and other useful resources. Compass is available to anyone with CF and their families. Contact Compass by phone at (844) 266-7277 or at <https://www.cff.org/Compass>.

Patient & Visitor Accommodations

- The Patient & Visitor Accommodations Department at Michigan Medicine can provide you with a list of local hotels that offer discounts and can help you make a reservation. Contact them at (734) 936-0135.
- You can also secure lodging quickly by calling your CSHCS County Health Department Worker or your DHHS worker directly.

Questions:

- Insurance related: Call your CF Center Social Workers, (734) 764-5417.
- Billing or insurance: The Billing & Financial Assistance Office (734) 615-0863.
- If you are having pharmacy issues, it is likely a prior authorization (PA) or coding issue. Call our main office at (734) 764-4123.

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