

Resource Information for obtaining formula for G-tube feeding

Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health (OMCFH)-Children with Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHCN)

Program Eligibility

The eligibility process includes consideration of age, residency, categorical eligibility, financial eligibility, physical special healthcare need status, use of services and limits in ability to function due to the identified physical special healthcare need.

- To be eligible for CSHCN Program care coordination and specialty services, individuals must be under 21 years of age.
- To receive tiered care coordination an individual must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of West Virginia. A child in the legal custody of the West Virginia DHHR may continue to receive CSHCN Program services should he/she be placed in another state.
- Children who meet the following criteria are automatically or “categorically” eligible for CSHCN Program care coordination services:

- ☐ Receives 100% nutritional intake through the gastrointestinal tract via tube, catheter or stoma that delivers sustenance distal to the oral cavity, as confirmed by the CSHCN Program’s Eligibility Unit;
- ☐ Is a member of the Children with Disabilities Community Services Program (CDCSP);
- ☐ Is in foster care, as defined by 45 CFR 1355.20.
- ☐ Was in foster care, as defined by 45 CFR 1355.20 and now qualifies for federal Title IV-E adoption assistance.⁸
- ☐ Diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS; ICD-19 code: P96.1).⁹

CSHCN Financial Eligibility

Financial eligibility determination is necessary when Title V funds are used for medically necessary medical nutrition foods. All applicants who request payment for specialty services through the CSHCN Program are required to apply for Medicaid through their local Department of Health and Human Resources. The family’s Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) may not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Financial eligibility must be established before Tier 3 medical nutrition foods are funded. Any request for medical nutrition foods paid with Title V funds must be reviewed and approved by the CSHCN Nursing Director (or designee) to ensure consistency with CSHCN Program guidelines. Use of Title V funds to pay for Tier 3 medical nutrition foods is contingent upon the availability of Title V funds. Tier 3 medical nutrition foods must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

All determinations to fund Tier 3 medical nutrition foods will be made in accordance with the CSHCN Program's Financial Eligibility Policy. Financial eligibility does not constitute entitlement to Title V funds through the CSHCN Program. Individuals qualifying for low-income Medicaid are not required to verify income through the CSHCN Program's financial eligibility process. Clients who receive Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits or are in the legal custody of the state of West Virginia will be considered financially eligible for the CSHCN Program.

Call **1-800-642-9704** to contact the office nearest to you.

CSHCN Brochure link: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/cshcn/files/CSCBroParent.pdf>

WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities Nutrition Services Program

Link: <http://nutrition.cedwvu.org/services/>

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Clinical Nutrition Services

The Nutritional Services Program is staffed by two registered, licensed dietitian who provides clinical nutrition services to children and adults with disabilities. Referrals are accepted from individuals, family members and agencies such as Birth to Three, Children with Special Health Care Needs and community Waiver providers. Nutrition services are provided through home and outpatient visits, and through satellite clinics given throughout the state.

The Nutrition Services Program also directs the Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED) Feeding and Swallowing Clinic, a family-centered, outpatient clinic for children with feeding or swallowing problems.

Clinical Nutrition Services include:

- Addressing feeding, digestive and elimination problems
- Assisting individuals in losing, gaining or maintaining weigh
- Analyzing and designing general and special diets and menus
- Addressing medication side effects pertaining to nutrition
- Evaluating and recommending laboratory tests pertaining to nutrition-related conditions
- Recommending placement or discontinuation of G & J tubes; recommending appropriate diets and formulas for individuals with G & J tubes

- Teaching individuals and their caregivers how to integrate dietary and lifestyle needs into their daily lives

(WVU CED can assist some individuals with learning how to make their own formula)

WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities TBI Funds for YOU

Link: <http://tbi.cedwvu.org/tbi-funds-for-you/>

Submit application and supplement form to:

Traumatic Brain Injury Program
959 Hartman Run Road
Morgantown, WV 26505

The Funds for You program is funded in full by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities. It is overseen by the WV TB/SCI Rehabilitation Fund Board.

- Funds for You is available to residents of West Virginia with traumatic brain injury to promote increased independence.
- Funds for You is a payer of last resort, to be used after all other funding options have been exhausted.
- Funds for You may be requested for as little as \$50 or as much as \$1,500 depending on need.
- Applications can come from people with TBI and family members on their behalf.
- Funds for You may be available for purchasing:
 - Durable medical equipment
 - Assistive technology
 - Therapies
 - Medical / dental / vision services and supplies
 - Case management
 - Family support services
 - Attendant care
 - Home accessibility modifications
 - Other items/services as approved by the TB/SCI Rehabilitation Fund Board
- Funds for YOU applicants are eligible to receive resource coordination services.
- Funds for You checks are issued directly to the vendor.
- An appeal process is available if your application is denied.

Additional Resource:

We have been told that some nutritional formulas can be found on Walmart's website but not in their stores. If a participant is eligible for WV food stamps you can order the formula and have it delivered to a store near you for pick up. When picking up the order they will allow you to pay with the food stamps. You must call and speak with your local Walmart Store Manager to confirm this information.

WV Medicaid does not cover formula for G-tube feedings for anyone over the age of 21.