

State Special Services Subsidy¹

The State Special Services Subsidy was used to cover costs for services that are not covered by the Medicaid card for a child who has:

1. Title IV-E adoption Assistance Subsidy
2. A state adoption subsidy for maintenance or for a child who is not a recipient of a state adoption subsidy for maintenance

New State Special Services Subsidies were provided to families until July 1, 2004. Families with agreements for State Special Services Subsidies dated prior to 7/1/04 may be re-determined as eligible if the county in which they live has a written policy to continue the existing subsidy agreements for State Special Services Subsidies.

Eligibility for State Special Services Subsidy

1. The sources of assistance are inadequate or unavailable to meet the child's special needs or the needs of the child are beyond the economic ability and resources of the adoptive parent;
2. The child is legally free for adoption;
3. The child is a special needs child;
4. The child is placed in an adoptive home and an adoptive placement agreement has been signed prior to the final decree of adoption;
5. The child meets the age requirements (under age 18 or is 18-21 and mentally or physically handicapped or a full time student.

Types of services "covered" by State Special Services Subsidies

- Medical, surgical costs (note: costs not covered by family's insurance)
- Psychiatric, psychological counseling
- Remedial education
- Rehabilitative training
- Corrective dental
- Speech and hearing
- Wheelchairs
- Braces
- Crutches
- Prostheses
- Day Care
- Transportation
- Respite Care

¹The statute regarding State Special Services Subsidies will be changing in July 1, 2004. Workers are directed to check with the county agency to determine that agency's policy regarding special services subsidies.

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