

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF?

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund was established as a financial resource to help all New Jersey families cope with uncovered medical expenses for their children. Any New Jersey family, regardless of income – whether insured or uninsured – may be eligible for assistance.

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission reviews income and expenses for a prior consecutive 12-month period in which the expenses were incurred. Eligibility requirements:

- Child was 21 years of age or younger when expenses were incurred.
- Uncovered medical expenses incurred exceeded 10 percent of the first \$100,000 of a family's annual income, plus 15 percent of any excess income over \$100,000.
- Child's parents or legal guardian have been residents of New Jersey for at least three months prior to submitting an application. Migrant workers may be eligible; temporary residents are not.



WHAT EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLE?

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund considers a wide range of health and medical expenses, including services that traditional health insurance may not cover. There are no specific exclusions by diagnosis.

The following list provides examples of the types of incurred expenses that will be considered and may be eligible for payment/reimbursement. The categories include, but are not limited to:

- Specialized pediatric ambulatory care
- Treatment for addictions/mental health services
- Care in acute or specialized hospitals (in and outpatient)
- Physician care in all settings
- Durable medical equipment or disposable medical supplies
- Pharmaceuticals
- Home modifications and medical transportation
- Home health care
- Experimental medical treatment or pharmaceuticals following special review

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

- Call the toll-free Family Information Line at 800-335-FUND (3863) for information and to request an application.
- The completed application is forwarded to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission for screening and review. All applications to the Fund are confidential.
- The Commission will review the application and determine eligibility and the amount of assistance.
- The Fund disburses approved grant awards directly to the providers to offset outstanding balances.
- The Fund may reimburse families for their out-of-pocket expenses.





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HOW CAN YOU REACH THE FUND?

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WHEN
YOUR CHILD'S
MEDICAL PROBLEMS
BECOME

**FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS.**

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund provides a financial safety net for New Jersey families overwhelmed by medical expenses that are not fully covered by insurance, state or federal programs, or any other resource.

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund is a dedicated, revolving, non-lapsing trust fund. The program was established through legislation in 1988 (P.L. 1987 C.370) to be a financial resource for NJ families struggling with their child's medical bills. The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission administers the Fund.

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