

## Services Available through Special Health Care Needs Programs

The chart below lists services available through Nebraska's Special Health Care Needs Programs.

Short descriptions of each program are listed on the back of this document. Each program has its own eligibility requirements. To learn more or apply, visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Special-Health-Care-Needs.aspx>.

Available Services	DCP	DPFS	Lifespan Respite	MHCP/ GHPP
Adaptive Equipment (purchase or lease)	-	✓	-	✓
Disability-Related Counseling or Training	-	✓	-	-
Disability-Related Service Clinics	-	-	-	✓
Equipment Repair	-	✓	-	-
Home Architectural Modifications	✓	✓	-	-
Housekeeping	-	✓	-	-
Medical Lodging Reimbursement	✓	-	-	-
Medical Mileage Reimbursement	✓	✓	-	-
Medical, Surgical, Therapeutic, Diagnostic, and other Health Services (related to the disability or disabilities)	-	✓	-	✓
Medication and Supplies Reimbursement	-	✓	-	-
Medication Management	-	✓	-	-
Personal Care Assistance	-	✓	-	-
Respite (for the unpaid caregiver)	✓	-	✓	-
Vehicle Modifications	✓	✓	-	-

## Disabled Children's Program (DCP)

Serves children with disabilities by assisting with payments of non-medical services and supports. Services are determined based on an assessment of needs and shown in a jointly-developed plan with the family.

To be eligible for this program, a child must be under 16 years old, a Nebraska resident, have current pay SSI status, and live at home with their family. This program does not require Medicaid eligibility.

## Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS)

Assists people of all ages who have a medically determinable severe, chronic disability diagnosed by a licensed medical professional. The program is designed to encourage the preservation of the family unit, maintain independent living situations for the maximum level of independence, and for disabled adults to remain or become employed.

Applicants found to be eligible may receive funding for authorized services up to \$400 per month or \$4,800 annually.

This program does not require Medicaid eligibility. This program cannot duplicate the services of other programs the person may be receiving or may be eligible for. The program can be supplemental to providing funding for authorized services that may not be covered fully by other programs.

## Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP)

Provides specialized medical services, for people aged 21 and older, who have been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, Hemophilia, and/or Sickle Cell disease.

This program does not require Medicaid eligibility.

## Lifespan Respite

Designed to give caregivers a break from the demands of providing ongoing care for recipients with special needs unable to care for themselves. Provides funding for eligible unpaid primary family caregivers to purchase respite services.

To be eligible, a caregiver must:

1. Be providing care or supervision of applicant or recipient with special needs without reimbursement or payment;
2. Need respite services;
3. Live in the same home as the person with special needs or be providing care to the recipient in the recipient's home for a minimum of 4 hours per day Sunday through Saturday; and
4. Not use respite services while engaging in employment activities.

This program does not require Medicaid eligibility. This program cannot duplicate the services of other programs the person may be receiving or may be eligible for.

## Medically Handicapped Children's Program (MHCP)

Provides specialized medical services for children and youth with special health care needs. Services include service coordination/case management, specialty medical team evaluations, access to specialty physicians, and payment of authorized medical services.

To be eligible for this program, a person must be under 21 years old, a Nebraska resident, and have a diagnosis of an eligible chronic medical condition and an active individual medical treatment plan. This program does not require Medicaid eligibility.