

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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Pursuant to
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

Medically Handicapped Children's Program Income Guidelines

Persons in Household	Monthly Income (185% of the Federal Poverty Line)	Annual Household Income
1	\$2,322	\$27,864
2	\$3,153	\$37,836
3	\$3,982	\$47,784
4	\$4,810	\$57,720
5	\$5,641	\$67,692
6	\$6,470	\$77,640
7	\$7,299	\$87,588
8	\$8,129	\$97,548
9	\$8,958	\$107,496
10	\$9,787	\$117,444

Financial Deductions

The following are eligible deductions from countable income in the determination of program eligibility:

- A. Insurance Premiums
 - 1. Health
 - 2. Dental
 - 3. Vision
- B. Family Medical Expenses
 - 1. Expenses paid for the entire family;
 - 2. Includes medical insurance premiums; and
 - 3. Within the 12 months preceding the date of application.
- C. Child Support Paid
- D. Spousal Support or Alimony Paid
- E. Child Care Costs
 - 1. When both parents are employed or receiving education, costs specific to child care necessary for employment and/or education; and
 - 2. When one parent is unavailable to care for the child due to absence or incapacity.
- F. Educational expenses for family members

1. Expenses include tuition and books.
2. Educational expenses for students pursuing second undergraduate degrees and certificates are excluded.

Resource Limits

There are no resource limits for the Medically Handicapped Children's Program.

Financial Margin

When the family's income minus deductions exceeds the income requirement, a financial margin must be calculated.

- A. The financial margin is 25 percent of the amount which exceeds the income requirements minus the financial margin deductions.
- B. Financial Margin Deductions:
 1. Unpaid medical bills for the applicant or recipient, not included in the previous year's medical allowance;
 2. Projected travel and lodging costs using state employee rates for specialized medical care; and
 3. Projected costs of child care for siblings while the client is hospitalized or receiving medical services.
- C. The financial margin is the recipient's responsibility and must be paid annually, after any third party, on the recipient's specialized health care before DHHS makes any payments.

Notices from DHHS

A notice is sent to applicants and recipients when:

- A. An applicant is determined eligible or ineligible for the program;
- B. A recipient is determined eligible or ineligible at the time of redetermination; or
- C. Services are reduced or terminated.

A notice of case action is dated and mailed at least ten calendar days before the date the action becomes effective. A timely notice must be issued when program services are to be reduced or terminated before the current authorization period ends.