

## **Physically Handicapped Children's Program (PHCP)- Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Can I apply for this program if my child is already covered by my insurance?**

Yes. Children with medical coverage through private insurance or Child Health Plus/Family Health Plus are eligible to apply for PHCP. Children covered by Medicaid, whether through an HMO or not, do not need coverage through PHCP and cannot apply.

### **Does the program consider my income?**

Yes, however PHCP's financial criteria is higher than most financially based programs. PHCP's financial guidelines are 300% Federal Poverty level, which is more than Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Supplemental Security Income allow. For example, a family of four can make \$66,150 annually as of January 2010. In addition, if a family makes over the income amount, there is a parent payment option available. There is no financial evaluation done for the Diagnosis and Evaluation program.

### **How old does my child have to be to be eligible for the program?**

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Information and Referral component and PHCP's medical/treatment and Diagnosis and Evaluation programs cover children from birth to 21 years old. The Orthodontic program covers children from approximately 10 years old (when they have all their permanent teeth) until they turn 21.

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