

Children and Medications

South Dakota Resources

Medicaid, SD Department of Social Services

<https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/>

877-999-5612, Eligibility 800-597-1603, Claim Insurance for low income children and youth.

SD Parent Connection

www.sdparent.org

800-640-4553

Information, resources and support for families and professionals. Assists families and professionals to understand and navigate the special education process at no charge.

Education Services

Federal laws ensure that a child with a disability or special health care need receives a free and appropriate public education.

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) www.parentcenterhub.org/lg1/
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 www.pacer.org/parent/504/

If you know or suspect a child 3 years of age or above has a disability, contact your local public school to request a free evaluation.

If you are concerned that an infant or toddler has a developmental delay, contact the statewide Birth to 3 Connections program at 800-305-3064 to request a free screening.

Financial Assistance Programs

GoodRx.com

www.goodrx.com

855-268-2822 (text or call)

Free mobile app and website offers discount cards, coupons and price comparison tool for pharmacy savings.

NeedyMeds, Inc.

www.needy meds.org

800-503-6897

Information about many sources of medication and health care cost assistance programs.

Healthwell Foundation Pediatric Assistance Fund

<https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/fund/pediatric-assistance>

800-675-8416

Financial assistance with prescription drug or biologic therapies, devices or other treatment cost shares related to various diseases.

RxAssist

www.rxassist.org

Information about free and low-cost medicine programs and other ways to manage your medication costs.

NORD Patient Assistance Programs

<https://rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families/help-access-medications/patient-assistance-programs-2/>

800-999-6673

Financial assistance with medications, insurance premiums, patient co-pay fees, diagnostic testing expenses, and travel to and consultation with disease specialists.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation

www.uhccf.org

855-698-4223

Provides grants to help pay for prescription medications, medical services and equipment, therapies, counseling services, surgeries, orthotics, eye glasses, hearing aids and other needs.

Questions on where to start? SD Parent Connection is here to help! 800-640-4553 or sdpc@sdparent.org

If your family does not live in South Dakota, contact SD Parent Connection for information on resources in your state.

Tips to Help Reduce Pharmacy Expenses

- + Let your health provider/pharmacist know if pharmacy costs are a hardship so they may help you find affordable alternatives and programs.
- + Finding the drug discount card or coupon for greatest savings is a matter of trial and error but worthwhile.
- + Apply for financial assistance programs offered by the pharmaceutical company that manufactures your child's medication.
- + Ask your health provider to write a prescription for items your child needs from the pharmacy. Private insurance or discount cards/coupons may then apply, and you may be exempt from sales taxes.
- + Check with pharmacies for saving cards or rewards programs that offer rebates or discounts for your continued business.

Additional Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
www.aap.org
Information and resources for professionals.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
www.healthychildren.org
Information and resources for families.

AAP – Medication Administration in Early Education and Childcare Setting
Manuals and training materials.
<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/healthy-child-care/Pages/Medication-Administration.aspx>

CareZone App

<https://carezone.com>

Free app that provides automatic reminders to take medications and refill prescriptions, track health information such as blood glucose, and more.

Child Mind Institute

<https://childmind.org/topics/concerns/medication/>

Information and guides for parents on medication related issues.

Drugs.com

www.drugs.com

Information on medications, drug interactions checker, discount card, apps and more.

Kids Health – Medication at School & Tips for Parents

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/medication-safety/Pages/Administering-Medication-at-Child-Care-or-School.aspx>

Medisafe App

www.medisafeapp.com

Free app provides reminders for medications, drug interaction warnings, drug coupons and discount, and caregivers can receive real-time missed medication alerts.

National Association of School Nurses

www.nasn.org

Variety of resources are available for school nurses, parents, and other professionals.

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