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### **Children's Special Health Services Announces New Income Levels for Eligibility**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Income eligibility guidelines for the North Dakota Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) Specialty Care Treatment Program have increased based on changes in the federal poverty levels. This change increases the amount of income a family can make and still qualify for services. Effective May 1, 2016, a family of four will be able to earn up to \$44,955 annually (or \$3,746 monthly per household) and still meet income eligibility requirements.

CSHS provides services for children with special health care needs and their families, promotes family-centered, community-based, coordinated services and systems of health care. The Specialty Care Treatment Program helps pay for services that are needed to treat children with eligible medical conditions from birth to age 21.

“Approximately one in seven children in North Dakota has a special health care need. Although many of these children may be covered by some type of health insurance, Children's Special Health Services acts as a gap-filler for over 100 medically eligible conditions and promotes access to quality health care,” said Tina Feigitsch, CSHS Claims and Eligibility Administrator. To qualify for CSHS Treatment Services, families must be North Dakota residents and meet medical and financial guidelines. Families may call their local county social services office or the CSHS office with eligibility questions.

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