

## PURPOSE:



The goal of this waiver is to assist families in keeping their child home instead of having to place them in a nursing home or hospital to receive needed care. This waiver is “parent-driven” meaning the parent determines what their family can or cannot do, and the parent identifies what it will take for the family to be able to keep their child at home.

The parents will choose from a specific list of waiver services and must stay within a specified budget. It will be up to their team (family and professionals) to determine how the needs are going to be reached.



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## Children with Medically Fragile Needs



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## CHILDREN WITH MEDICALLY FRAGILE NEEDS

### Who is a Medically Fragile Child?

- A child (ages 3 to 18) who has a serious illness or condition, which is anticipated to last at least 12 or more months.
- A child who has medically intensive needs, and prolonged dependency on medical care and medical technology.
- A child who at times, maybe medically stable; but still may require skilled nursing care or specialized medical equipment and supplies to enhance/sustain their lives at home.

**Enrollment is limited to 15 children. Must successfully complete the Level of Need.**

### Who is Eligible?

Anyone who meets the following criteria may apply:

- Child qualifies for Medicaid
- Age 3 to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Child is eligible to receive care in a skilled nursing home
- Child is living in their legally appointed caregiver's home

### Services Provided

The waiver services listed below are in addition to what the North Dakota Medicaid State Plan covers.

- **Transportation** – access to essential community resources or services.
- **Dietary Supplements** – additional help when the child receives up to 51 percent of his/her nutrition from supplements or the supplements are disease specific.
- **Individual & Family Counseling** – addresses needs related to stress associated with the care of child.
- **In-Home Support** – temporary relief/assistance for the family, within the home, by a care giving assistant.
- **Equipment & Supplies** – a service to purchase adaptive devices and supplies that can assist a child to stay home.
- **Environmental Modifications** – modify home & vehicle for more independence.
- **Institutional Respite** – temporary relief for family. Care provided in a facility that can care for the child's needs.
- **Case Management** – a service to assist a family in completing case plan, emergency plan, and support to family as needed.

### How Do I Begin?

- 1) Contact the Program Manager to complete an application. (State Form # 394. online at: <http://www.nd.gov/eforms/>)
- 2) With assistance from Program Manager complete the "Level of Care" determination for nursing home needs.
- 3) If your child qualifies for "Level of Care" the Program Manager will provide a Level of Need form, for your child's Primary Care Provider to complete and send back to the Dept. of Human Services.
- 4) If your child receives a qualifying score (40 or above) on the Level of Need, then the Dept. of Human Services will assign a limited slot of service to your child or place him or her name on a waiting list. The Program Manager will notify you of the placement.

