



# Pediatric Medical Needs Assistance Program

Helping local kids access medically beneficial equipment and services to improve their health and wellbeing

Through generous donations made to our local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals program, Salinas Valley Health Foundation operates a Medical Needs Assistance Program, providing financial assistance for children's medical needs not otherwise covered by insurance.

Parents, guardians and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) may apply for support to fund medically necessary or medically beneficial equipment and/or services for children ages 19 and under living in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. Eligibility expires on the child's 20th birthday.

## What are some examples of previously approved applications?

- Mobility devices such as wheelchairs, specialized walkers, mobility tricycles, special needs strollers or gait trainers
- Therapies such as aqua therapy, art therapy, hearing/language/speech therapy or equestrian therapy
- Lift and mobility systems such as ceiling lifts, wheelchair lifts or bathroom lifts
- Assistive speech and communication devices
- Custom orthoses and prosthetics
- Special needs equipment for the home such as specialty high chairs, standers, wheelchair ramps or bathing equipment

## What is excluded from consideration?

- Reimbursement for equipment or services already received
- Orthodontic or dental treatment for aesthetic benefit
- Sedation during medically necessary dental treatment
- Funeral or burial costs
- Transportation, food, housing, cleaning or other basic living expenses
- Prescription or over-the-counter medications
- Vacations or trips
- Toys, holiday gifts, etc.

