

The Catastrophic Illness In Children Relief Fund

When other resources end, we begin.

~INELIGIBLE EXPENSES~

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund (CICRF) is a Massachusetts program that can reimburse families caring for children and youth with special health needs and disabilities under age 22 for medically related expenses if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Created by legislation passed in 2000, eligibility is determined through a comparison of expenses to income; medically related expenses for the child must exceed 10% of family income from all sources in the same 12-month period (plus 15% of any amount over \$100,000).

As a payor of last resort, CICRF cannot reimburse a family for expenses that would be covered by private or public health insurance, government programs (including education), fundraising, or other sources.

The CICRF Commission which oversees the Fund makes the final determination of expenses considered reimbursable by the Fund. Since the amount in the Fund and the number of requests for assistance vary from year to year, please do not assume or make financial decisions based on an expectation that the Fund will pay. This is true even if you received reimbursement for the item or service in the past.

The following types of expenses are **ineligible for reimbursement*** by CICRF:

1. Home maintenance, repairs and new installations related to the following:
windows, roof, heating/cooling systems, water heaters, plumbing, electrical, solar energy, water damage, swimming pools
2. Tools, furniture, appliances, cleaning supplies
3. Routine maintenance on vehicles
4. Food, clothing, rent, mortgage, utilities, telephone expenses, gasoline and parking fees
5. Infant/toddler items all families need, examples below:
Formula, diapers, toys, baby monitors, cribs, strollers, car seats, feeding supplies, ointments
Prenatal and postnatal care for the mother and breast-feeding care/items
6. Childcare and respite care
7. Private and employer health insurance premiums

*This list is not all-inclusive

8. Out-of-state funeral expenses for the child/youth
9. Orthodontia
10. In-state transportation, except from the Islands to the mainland
11. Freestanding non-HEPA air purifiers
12. Educational advocates and educational/tuition-related expenses including for behavioral health and boarding schools
13. Cannabis (CBD/THC products)
14. Conductive Education
15. Individual therapy suits; such as TheraSuit, Adeli suit, Neurosuit, G-suit, and Penguin suit
16. Out-of-state intensive therapy programs; such as TheraSuit Method and Euro-Peds, when comparable and/or appropriate therapy is available in Massachusetts
17. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)
18. Experimental treatment, Phase I clinical trials