

## Programs for Children with Cardiac Conditions Special Health Services Division

### CARDIAC CARE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

Provides an initial examination by a board-certified pediatric cardiologist and routine tests for children with cardiac conditions in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot. The program ensures comprehensive and coordinated care through linkage and referral to other services and programs, and through care coordination as needed.

Any child, birth to twenty-one years of age, who lives in North Dakota, may participate in this program. Third party payers such as private insurance and Medicaid are billed when available.

The Cardiac Care for Children program covers an initial examination by a board-certified pediatric cardiologist and routine tests to support the cardiac assessment, such as:

- Chest X-Ray
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Echocardiogram (echo)
- Select Laboratory Tests (CBC, Liver Function, Lipid Profile, Electrolytes, Iron Testing)

If an echo or EKG is completed within 45 days of the initial cardiac office visit, and was ordered by the pediatric cardiologist, this can be billed under the Cardiac Care for Children program as part of the initial visit.

If more extensive diagnostic services or treatment are needed, contact Special Health Services (SHS) to discuss the Financial Coverage program. This two-part program provides further coverage for diagnostic and treatment services. See below for further information.

### DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

To confirm or rule out a diagnosis, this program pays for more extensive cardiac tests in addition to the above service. No financial eligibility is required. Third party payers such as private insurance and Medicaid are billed when available. Covered tests may include:

- Diagnostic Heart Catheterization
- Ambulatory Electrocardiogram Monitoring (Holter Monitor)
- Stress Test

### TREATMENT PROGRAM

Payment for treatment of cardiac conditions for children is available for families who meet financial eligibility guidelines. Third party payers such as private insurance and Medicaid are billed when available. Covered services may include:

- Periodic Electronic Monitoring of Cardiac Pacemaker
- Surgery
- Cardiologist Office Visits
- Hospitalization
- Medication
- Laboratory Tests (INR)

For more information, call Special Health Services at 701-328-2436 or toll-free at 800-755-2714 or visit <https://www.health.nd.gov/Youth/special-health-services>