



Children and Medications

South Dakota Resources

[Medicaid, SD Department of Social Services](#)

Eligibility: (877) 999-5612

Claims: (800) 597-1603

Insurance for low income children and youth.

[South Dakota Parent Connection](#)

(800) 640-4553

Information, resources, and support for families and professionals. Assists families and professionals to understand and navigate the special education process at no charge.

Education Services

Federal laws ensure that a child with a disability or special health care need receives a free and appropriate public education.

- [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#)
- [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)

If you know or suspect a child three years of age or above has a disability, contact your local public school to request a free evaluation.

If you are concerned that an infant or toddler has a developmental delay, contact the statewide [Birth to Three Connections](#) program at (800) 305-3064 to request a free screening.

Financial Assistance Programs

[GoodRx.com](#)

(855) 268-2822 (text or call)

Free mobile app and website offers discount cards, coupons and price comparison tool for pharmacy savings.

[NeedyMeds, Inc.](#)

(800) 503-6897

Information about many sources of medication and health care cost assistance programs.

[Healthwell Foundation Pediatric Assistance Fund](#)

(800) 675-8416

Financial assistance with prescription drug or biologic therapies, devices or other treatment cost shares related to various diseases.

[RxAssist](#)

Information about free and low-cost medicine programs and other ways to manage your medication costs.

[NORD Patient Assistance Programs](#)

(800) 999-6673

Financial assistance with medications, insurance premiums, patient co-pay fees, diagnostic testing expenses, and travel to and consultation with disease specialists.

[United Healthcare Children's Foundation](#)

(855) 698-4223

Provides grants to help pay for prescription medications, medical services and equipment,

Tips to Help Reduce Pharmacy Expense

- Let your health provider/pharmacist know if pharmacy costs are a hardship so they may help you find affordable alternatives and programs.
- Finding the drug discount card or coupon for greatest savings is a matter of trial and error but worthwhile.
- Apply for financial assistance programs offered by the pharmaceutical company that manufactures your child's medication.
- Ask your health provider to write a prescription for items your child needs from the pharmacy. Private insurance or discount cards/coupons may then apply, and you may be exempt from sales taxes.
- Check with pharmacies for saving cards or rewards programs that offer rebates or discounts for your continued business.

Additional Resources

[American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

Information and resources for professionals.

[American Academy of Pediatrics Parenting \(AAP\)](#)

Information and resources for families.

[AAP – Medication Administration in Early Education and Childcare Setting](#)

Manuals and training materials.

[CareZone App](#)

Free app that provides automatic reminders to take medications and refill prescriptions, track health information such as blood glucose, and more.

[Child Mind Institute](#)

Information and guides for parents on medication for mental health related issues.

[Drugs.com](#)

Information on medications, drug interactions checker, discount card, apps and more.

[Administering Medication at School](#)

This article contains important information to keep in mind when your child needs to have medication administered at school and tips for parents.

[Medisafe App](#)

Free app provides reminders for medications, drug interaction warnings, drug coupons and discount, and caregivers can receive real-time missed medication alerts.

[National Association of School Nurses](#)

Variety of resources are available for school nurses, parents, and other professionals.



South Dakota Parent Connection is here to help!
(800) 640-4553 or sdpc@sdparent.org