



Vermont Family Network's Medically Necessary Supplemental Fund

Vermont Family Network (VFN) was awarded a grant by the Vermont Department of Health's Children with Special Health Needs (CSHN) program to assist families with out of pocket, medically necessary, expenses. We are also here to offer support and resources to families as they navigate the medical and healthcare financing systems.

- The Medically Necessary Supplemental Fund (MNSF) is for families of children with special healthcare needs, birth to 21, and whose income is under 500% of Federal Poverty Level.
- The child's uncovered expenses must be "medically necessary" per a healthcare provider familiar with the child.
- Eligible families may access up to \$1,000 per family per 12-month period.
- Insurances and other funding options should be exhausted first.
- Through the application process, we assist families with Medicaid and Private Insurance issues, as well as with alternative or additional funding resources.
- MNSF does not pay for vehicles, home modifications, tracking devices, swim lessons, iPad's, non-prescribed medications or supplements, or medical marijuana, including CBD/hemp oils.

Applications are reviewed weekly by a team of VFN and CSHN staff. Applicants will be notified of the review team decision within a few days. Denials may have alternative resources suggested.

To apply, please contact, any of the following:

- Joanne Wechsler, VFN Family Support Consultant-
 - 800-800-4005 x217
 - Joanne.Wechsler@vtfn.org
- Betty Morse, CSHN Technical Assistance Specialist-
 - 802-859-5924
- Or, your child's CSHN Social Worker