Kansas Special Health Care Needs
DECISION SCHEMA

Follow these steps to determine if a child is medically eligible for the Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) Program.

Has the child received a diagnosis?  
Yes → See qualifying conditions at www.kdheks.gov/shcn or below steps.  
No → Refer to SHCN for One-Time Diagnostic.

Children receiving KanCare may still qualify for the Special Health Care Needs Program.

- Child was diagnosed by Newborn Screening (NBS)
  Communication at affiliated Teaching Data. If condition is listed, refer to SHCN program.

- Severe Burns
  Is surgery needed?  
  Yes → Refer to SHCN  
  No → Refer to SHCN

- Gastrointestinal or Genitourinary Diagnosis
  Is surgery needed?  
  Yes → Refer to SHCN  
  No → Refer to SHCN

- Hydrocephalus or Microcephaly
  Refer to SHCN

- Craniofacial Anomaly (such as Cleft Lip/Palate)
  Refer to SHCN

- Seizures or Neurological Needs
  Refer to SHCN

- Orthopedic Needs, Spinal Injury, Uses a Mobility Device (such as: stander, walker, wheelchair, etc)
  Refer to SHCN

- Glaucoma, Congenital Cataracts, or Retinal Disorder
  Refer to SHCN

- Spina Bifida
  Refer to SHCN

- Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA)
  Refer to SHCN

- Hearing Loss
  Refer to SHCN

- Social Security Income (SSI)
  Refer to SHCN

- Cardiac Condition
  Refer to SHCN

- Hemophilia
  Refer to SHCN

What if...

- Child’s primary diagnosis is Autism, child also has seizure disorder
  While Autism is not a SHCN medically eligible condition, seizure disorder is. Even though seizures are not the child’s primary condition, the child would still be eligible for the SHCN program.

- Child has developmental delay, child also has asthma
  Neither of these conditions are qualifying conditions. Do not refer.

Learn more about the Special Health Care Needs Program
www.kdheks.gov/shcn/index.htm | 785-296-1313