

SSI and HSCSN in Washington, D.C.

What is SSI?

SSI (Supplemental Security Income) makes monthly payments to people with low income and limited resources who have disabilities. Your child, if younger than age 18, can qualify if they have a medical condition or combination of conditions that meets Social Security's definition of disability for children, and if your family's income and resources fall within the eligibility limits.

When you apply for SSI payments for your child based on a disability, they will ask for detailed information about your child's medical condition and how it affects the child's ability to perform daily activities. They will ask you to give permission to the doctors, teachers, therapists, and other professionals about your child's condition to share that information. Please bring any medical or school records with you when applying.

What is HSCSN?

Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN) is a DC Medicaid insurance plan that provides complete medical care for children and young adults with disabilities and complex medical needs. HSCSN provides coverage for doctors' visits, hospitalizations, therapies, equipment, medications, home health (pending approval) as well as transportation to/from appointments, a dedicated case manager, and respite services.

To qualify, your child must be under 26 years old, a Washington, D.C., resident, and receiving SSI disability benefits. If your child is already in a DC Medicaid plan (e.g. Medstar, Amerihealth or Carefirst) and is approved for SSI, you can call 202-467-2737 and request enrollment into HSCSN, to receive its additional benefits and support.

Apply for SSI:

- 1-800-772-1213
- <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html>
- 2041 MLK Jr. Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20020
1-866-495-0048
- 1300 D St. SW
Washington, DC 20037
1-866-708-3255
- 1905-b 9th St. NE
Washington, DC 20018
1-866-737-4470

For more information, please contact the **Department of Family Services-Social Work Services** at 202-476-3070 or visit our resources page by scanning the QR code.

