

Direct Family Assistance Guidelines

Who is eligible: Any child, aged 0-18, served at Ascension Via Christi hospitals or an affiliated clinic, with a medical need. Children who receive funds through the direct family assistance program must be a patient of a Via Christi provider or receive care at Ascension Via Christi.

CMN Hospitals at Ascension Via Christi can provide funding in the following areas:

Prescription Assistance – This includes any prescription medication prescribed for your child (or specialized formula, oxygen supplement, etc.) that is not provided by another funding agency. Prescription assistance may be on a reimbursement basis or we can pay the pharmacy directly.

Developmental Therapy – Approved for funding on a case-by-case basis. These may include: horse, music, art, vision, or other types of specialized therapy. Speech, physical, and occupational therapies are also considered in this area of funding.

Special Equipment – This includes glasses, wheelchairs and accessories, feeding tubes, personal tablets recommended by physician, orthotics (leg braces, remolding helmets, shoe insert, etc.) and more.

Travel Assistance – we can grant up to \$1,000 a year for travel reimbursement to a patient that has been referred to a specialist outside of our realm of care. Proof of appointment or hospitalization must be submitted with receipts for reimbursement.

Please note – CMN Hospitals at Ascension Via Christi DOES NOT PROVIDE FUNDING FOR:

- Hospital bills, doctor bills, or dental bills
- Utility bills or hookups, phone bills or rent
- Groceries
- Diapers
- Any cost related to vehicle repairs or maintenance, even if you have car trouble on the way to or from your child's appointment
- Special diet (unless prescribed by your physician)
- Children that are not born yet, or over the age of 18

**Please contact CMN Hospitals at 316-274-2550 or
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with any questions or concerns.**