

Provider Guide: Special Needs Rate



What is the Special Needs Rate?

The **Special Needs Rate (SNR)** provides up to 20% additional funding above the infant rate for approved children. Funding is determined by the individualized accommodations and supports your program puts in place for the child.

Who is Eligible?

Your program may qualify for additional funding to support children with special needs if you serve a School Readiness (SR) child who:

- Has an Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP)
- Has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Has a medical diagnosis (ex: autism, ADHD, developmental delay), or
- Receives therapy (ex: speech, occupational, physical, or behavioral therapy)

The Additional Funding Can be Used For...

- Lower classroom ratios
- Sensory materials and visual learning supports
- Adaptive or specialized equipment
- Professional development, training, or staff certifications
- Other accommodations that promote the child's development and inclusion

Think You May Qualify?

Obtain Caregiver Consent & Submit a Special Needs Request



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