



Help Raising Children Related to You

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission offers several benefit programs to help with taking care of children related to you. These programs help with the basic needs of certain related children living in your home.

TANF cash help

Monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families payments help families pay for food, clothing, housing, utilities and other basic needs.

Depending on the amount of money a relative caring for a related child or children gets (income) and the value of the things they own (resources or assets), certain relatives might be able to get a one-time TANF payment, plus one of the following monthly TANF payments:

- For the children only
- For both the relative (you) and the children

Relatives don't need to have custody or guardianship of the children to apply for these benefits. However, they must be caring for the children in their home.

TANF payments for children only

Relatives might be able to get TANF payments for children in their care without a review of the relative's income and resources. Income children get from sources such as child support and survivors' benefits will be reviewed.

TANF payments for the children and relative

Relatives might be able to get TANF for themselves and the children in their care, if the relative's monthly income and resource amounts as well as the children's meet program rules.

One-Time TANF for Relatives

Along with one of the types of TANF payments listed, relatives 25 and older such as grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles caring for relative children might be able to get a one-time cash payment of \$1,000. This includes great-grandparents, great-aunts and great-uncles. This payment can be given to the relative only once in a lifetime, no matter how many children live in the home, or if other related children move in. Relatives might be able to get the one-time payment if the relative's monthly income and resource amounts along with the children's meet program rules.

SNAP food benefits

SNAP food benefits help families with low incomes buy healthy food. Relatives, along with the children who live with them, might get SNAP if the money they get (income) and the value of the things they own (resources or assets) meet program rules. The monthly SNAP payment amounts are based on the number of people living in the home.

Medicaid

Medicaid is a health-care benefit program for children, people 65 and older and people with disabilities. You and the children related to you might be able to get Medicaid if income and resource amounts meet program rules. Some of the services Medicaid can cover include:

- Doctor's visits
- Drugs ordered by a doctor
- Hospital care
- Dental care
- Vaccines
- Lab tests and X-rays
- Glasses
- Mental health care

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

CHIP is a health-care benefit program for children 18 and younger. It's for children in families who can't get Medicaid and don't have health insurance. Some of the services CHIP can cover include:

- Doctor's visits
- Drugs ordered by a doctor
- Hospital care
- Dental care
- Vaccines
- Lab tests and X-rays
- Glasses
- Mental health care

Other services in your area

You can find other services in your area by calling 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905. After you pick a language, press 1. You also can search for services by going to 211Texas.org. Services might include any of the following:

- Food pantries
- Senior services
- After-school programs
- Tax help

- Housing
- Child care
- Help paying your rent or utilities
- Help paying for drugs ordered by your doctor

How do I apply for benefits?

- **Online:** YourTexasBenefits.com
- **At a benefits office:** To find an HHSC benefits office near you:
 - Go to YourTexasBenefits.com.
 - Call 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905. After you pick a language, press 1.
- **Paper form (H1010):** To get a form, you can either:
 - Call toll-free 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905. After you pick a language, press 2.
 - Visit an HHSC benefits office.

How can I get help with applying?

- Call 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905. After you pick a language, press 1.
- Go online to YourTexasBenefits.com to find your local office or a community partner.

Questions about benefits?

You can either:

- Go online to YourTexasBenefits.com. If you create an account at yourtexasbenefits.com, you can view your benefits online.
- You can call 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905. After you pick a language, press 2. You can call 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday Central Time.