

## Supplement for handicapped children with exceptional care needs

### Who is eligible?

A child with **severe and multiple disabilities** that prevent the child from carrying out his or her life habits (situation A).

OR

A child whose state of health requires **complex medical care at home** (situation B).

Please note that the **child's age** and the severity of his or her limitations are also taken into consideration.

## To help you better understand

### Life habits

Life habits encompass the activities that a child must carry out, depending on his or her age, with respect to personal care and social life:

- › nutrition;
- › personal care;
- › moving about;
- › communication;
- › interpersonal relations;
- › responsibilities;
- › education.

### Assessment criteria

Eligibility is assessed according to how severely the child is limited in carrying out his or her life habits.

#### Absolute limitation

The child **is completely unable to perform** a life habit, for the child's age, without assistance and despite the presence of facilitating environmental factors.


#### Serious limitation

The child **always or nearly always has considerable difficulty performing** a life habit, for the child's age, without assistance and despite the presence of facilitating environmental factors. Without the help of another person, the child cannot complete his or her life habits correctly.


## Situation A

### Physical impairments and mental function disabilities


A child **over age 2 and under age 4**

 **Is eligible** if he or she has a physical impairment and has an **absolute limitation** in the following **3 life habits**:

- nutrition
- moving about
- communication

 **Is not eligible** if he or she has a designated mental function disability

A child **over age 4 and under age 18**

 **Is eligible** if he or she has a physical impairment or a mental function disability:

and has an **absolute limitation** in **4 life habits**

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a **serious or absolute limitation** in at least **1 other life habit**

OR

an **absolute limitation** in **3 life habits**, including moving about

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a **serious or absolute limitation** in at least **2 others life habits**

## Situation B

### Complex medical care at home

The child's medical condition requires complex medical care at home administered by the parents.

**Respiratory care\***: Non-invasive mechanical bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP) or care relating to a tracheotomy with or without invasive mechanical ventilation.


**Renal care**: Peritoneal dialysis.

**Nutritional care**: Parenteral alimentation (intravenous hyperalimentation).


**Cardiac care**: Intravenous administration of inotropes.

\* A minor child requiring care relating to a **tracheotomy with invasive mechanical ventilation** is eligible regardless of his or her age.

A child **under age 6**

 **Is eligible** if he or she receives one form of complex medical care

A child **over age 6 and under age 18**

 **Is eligible** if he or she receives one form of complex medical care and his or her situation has either of the following:

an **absolute limitation** in **1 life habit** (except interpersonal relations)

OR

a **serious limitation** in **2 life habits** (except interpersonal relations)