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This News brief alerts you to the following article:
Beers, N. S., Kemeny, A., Sherritt, L., & Palfrey, J. S. (2003).
Variations in State-level definitions: Children with special health care
needs. *Public Health Reports*, 118: 434-447.

In this study of children's special health care needs and how they are
classified and funded, the authors sought to: a) assess how well
state-level programs (i.e., SSI, Title V, and Medicaid) identify
children with special health care needs; b) isolate funding patterns
across the U.S. for state-level programs according to various
definitions of disability; c) investigate correlations between
disability classifications and levels of funding; and d) compare the
number of children who meet state-level eligibility guidelines with the
number of children having special needs as reported in various
epidemiological studies (p. 437). The class of children with special
health care needs includes children with emotional and behavioral
disabilities.

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and Human Services. There are two Data Trends products: 1) Summaries
(ISSN# 1537-0399), which detail recent, published articles on systems of
care for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities and their
families, and; 2) News briefs (ISSN# 1537-0402), which highlight related
items or events of interest to the field.