

# Study: Food allergy costs more for poor kids

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What is the financial toll of having a kid with a food allergy? The answer may depend on how much money you have.

A study published last month in *Pediatrics* found that food-allergic children from households that earn less than \$50,000 a year incur 2.5 times the cost of emergency room visits and hospital stays compared with their peers from families that are in a higher-income bracket.

At the same time, families that make more than \$100,000 a year report spending more of their own money on visits to allergy specialists for their kids, as well as medicines paid for out of pocket, compared with families from lower-income groups.

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