

California

California Children Services (CCS)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age.

RESIDENCY:

Applicants for CCS must be California residents and apply through the county in which they reside. There is no durational requirement. The child's family must establish a place of residence to which they return when away on business or pleasure and intend to remain in the place of residence and not consider any other place as their place of residence.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The goal of the CCS program is to provide high quality health care services to children with eligible medical conditions and to provide the opportunity for the best outcome and/or maximum function possible.

Eligible Conditions:

Acquired and congenital immunological deficiencies
Chronic disease of the liver and chronic inflammatory disease of the GI tract
Chronic pulmonary conditions, such as cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis, and lung abscess
Chronic renal disease, including renal failure
Conditions of the circulatory system
Conditions of the musculoskeletal system if disabling
Conditions of the nervous system; such as inflammatory disease of the central nervous systems produces motor disability; such as paralysis, ataxia, etc., and neuromuscular disease; such as cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy
Conditions requiring orthodontic reconstruction, such as cleft palate, severe malocclusion, and orofacial anomalies
Conditions requiring plastic reconstruction, such as cleft lip, orofacial anomalies, and burns
Conditions resulting from accidents or poisoning which may be potentially handicapping, such as complicated fractures, brain and spinal cord injuries, and stricture of the esophagus
Congenital anomalies causing disabling or disfiguring handicaps that are amenable to treatment
Convulsive disorders posing medical management problems or problems of diagnosis
Critically ill neonates receiving care in CCS-approved NICUs
Endocrine and metabolic disorders, including growth hormone deficiency and diabetes
Eye conditions that may lead to a loss of vision
Hearing loss
Hematologic disorders, including hemophilia and sickle cell anemia
Malignant neoplasms
Orthopedic conditions due to infection, injury, or congenital malformation
Other disability or disfiguring conditions which are handicapping
Severe skin disorders, such as epidermolysis bullosa

Excluded Conditions:

Acute neuritis and neuralgia
Avitaminosis and other dietary deficiency diseases causing "failure to thrive" (except rickets) and exogenous obesity
Infective and parasitic diseases unless they involve the bone, eyes and may lead to blindness, or the central nervous system and produce disabilities requiring surgical or rehabilitative services
Learning disabilities, educational handicaps, minimal cerebral dysfunction, and behavior problems
Meningitis and communicable disease involving the nervous system without disability or sequelae
Mental disorders and mental retardation when they are the only diagnosis
Migraine
Minor orthopedic conditions

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

General Financial Eligibility:

Financial eligibility for treatment services under this program shall be limited to persons in families with an adjusted gross income of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or less in the most recent tax year, as calculated for California State income tax purposes. However, the director may authorize treatment services for persons in families with higher incomes if the estimated cost to the family in one year is expected to exceed 20 percent of the family's adjusted gross income. In addition, the program provides case management services for Medicaid eligible beneficiaries with CCS-eligible conditions and for the Child Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with CCS eligible conditions irrespective of family income.

Financial Eligibility for Initial Diagnostic Services:

Initial diagnostic and evaluation services to determine the presence of a CCS eligible condition are available at no charge without regard to family income.

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

All families, except those with children on Medicaid, CHIP, or receiving therapy only in the program Medical Therapy Unit, pay a \$20.00 fee. Families with incomes above 200% of Federal Poverty Level pay an annual fee based upon a sliding fee schedule.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SERVICES:

Eligible Services:

Eligible benefits include:

- Audiology services, including hearing aids
- Durable medical equipment
- Home health agency services
- Inpatient hospital care
- Medical and surgical diagnosis and treatment
- Medical supplies
- Orthodontic and dental services
- Pharmaceuticals
- Therapy - physical, occupational, and speech

Excluded Services:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided by CCS approved providers (hospitals, physicians, therapists, nutritionists, audiologists, psychologists, nurse specialists, medical social workers, orthodontists, dentists, and special care centers) throughout the state, at tertiary medical centers, and within the patient's own community.

Special Care Centers:

Amputee	Infectious disease/immunology
Cardiology	Intensive care units (NICU, PICU)
Craniofacial	Pulmonary
Endocrine/metabolic	Rehabilitation
Gastrointestinal	Renal
Hearing and speech	Sickle cell
Hematology/oncology	Spina bifida
Hemophilia	Transplants

Out-of-State Services:

California CCS patients whose families live near the border of Nevada or Oregon and who ordinarily obtain medical services in the other state may be authorized to obtain services from CCS approved providers in those states.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

CCS is the payor of last resort. Medicaid, CHIP, and other government benefits and health and/or medical insurance benefits must be used prior to payment by CCS.

Coordination of Services:

CCS provides collaborative planning for delivery and continuity of health care services in which the patient and the patient's family participate in decision making regarding plans for the provision of their own health care. Staff also communicates with persons providing services for the patient and the patient's family and with other agencies involved in their care.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

SSDI, UAP/CISS (Managed Care).

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

Cal. Health & Safety Code § 123800, et. Seq.
Cal. Code Regs., Title 22 Cal. Children's Services (CCS) § 41510, et. seq. (1991)