



COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER NETWORK

California Children's Services

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California Children's Services (CCS)

CCS is a state program that helps children with certain diseases, physical limitations, or chronic health problems.

The CCS program helps families pay for services.



CCS Services

CCS pays for or provides services like:

- Doctor visits
- Hospital stays
- Surgery
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Lab tests and X-rays
- Orthopedic appliances and medical equipment.
- Medical case management



CCS Eligibility

The child must be:

- Under 21 years old
- CCS-eligible health condition
- A resident of California

And one of the following:

- family income of \$40,000 or less
- out-of-pocket medical expenses expected to be more than 20 percent of family's adjusted gross income
- a need for an evaluation to find out if there is a health problem covered by CCS
- was adopted with a known health problem that is covered by CCS
- a need for the Medical Therapy Program
- Medi-Cal, with full benefits

Please refer to the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 2, Part 2, Subdivision 7, CCS, Chapter 4, Medical Eligibility, Sections 41800-41872 for full description



CCS-Eligible Health Conditions

CCS covers most problems that are physically disabling or that need to be treated with medicines, surgery, or rehabilitation. Examples include:

- congenital heart disease
- cancers, tumors
- hemophilia, sickle cell anemia
- thyroid problems, diabetes
- serious chronic kidney problems
- liver or intestine diseases
- cleft lip/palate, spina bifida
- hearing loss, cataracts
- cerebral palsy, uncontrolled seizures
- rheumatoid arthritis, muscular dystrophy
- AIDS
- severe head, brain, or spinal cord injuries, severe burns
- problems caused by premature birth
- severely crooked teeth
- broken bones

CCS coverage is applicable to medically eligible conditions & services provided by CCS paneled providers and hospitals.



How to Apply

Fill out a CCS application and return it to your county CCS office. You can get an application from your County CCS office or download from: www.dhs.ca.gov/ccs

CCS only reimburses CCS-paneled providers and CCS-approved hospitals from the date of referral. You can find a list here: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/CCSProviders.aspx>

Providers may submit an authorization for diagnostic and treatment services using the Service Authorization Request (SAR) form. More information can be found here:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/MedAuthsClaims.aspx>



CHCN Utilization Management

CHCN and contracted health plans will continue to provide all medically necessary covered services until CCS eligibility is confirmed as well as all necessary services not authorized by CCS.

CHCN Case Management will ensure coordination of services as needed.



More Information About CCS

For more information, or help in filling out your application, contact your county CCS office.

- Alameda County (510) 208-5970
- Contra Costa County (925) 957-2680

