

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION (MED) GROUP PURPOSE, GOALS, AND PROCEDURES

Definition and intent of the MED work group

The Medical Eligibility Determination group (“the MED group”) is a CCS workgroup established in May 2012 by consensus of statewide CCS Medical Directors and Consultants to address clarifications on questions of CCS medical eligibility. The MED group will consist of medical consultant representatives from both Northern and Southern California.

Work group members do not receive any agency or pharmaceutical company honoraria for participation. Administrative support is funded by the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health.

Regardless of the recommendations made by the MED work group, each individual County CCS Medical Consultant/Director is responsible for his/her decisions. The director/consultant, after considering the unique factors of an individual case, may make exceptions to the medical eligibility consensus recommendations when medically necessary.

The consensus decisions of the MED Group do not represent policies, nor are they intended to replace any of the policies of the State or CMS Branch.

Goals and Procedures

Goals:

1. To assist CCS medical directors and consultants in the interpretation of CCS medical eligibility regulations.
2. To improve consistency in statewide medical eligibility determination and to simplify and standardize the process.
3. To develop and maintain a Consensus Decisions database as a guideline for medical eligibility determinations, with regular updates as appropriate.

Procedures:

1. MED Group physicians will meet via regularly scheduled conference calls. Members will prepare and supplement conference call discussions via e-mail or other means of discussion outside of the scheduled calls.
2. The MED Group is expected to review relevant current publications and to reference information for eligibility topics discussed at each meeting.

3. The initial eligibility topics for MED Group discussion will be drawn from a review of CRISS MEWG Medical Eligibility Matters and LA Eligibility Clarifications documents. Additional topics for discussion will be submitted in accordance with the approved Workflow Algorithm.
4. Consensus opinions will be documented in the Consensus Decisions database and referenced with relevant existing CCS publications (e.g. CCS medical eligibility regulations, Numbered Letters, This Computes bulletins, etc.).
5. The MED group chairperson will assume responsibility for distributing MED group Consensus Decisions to MEWG, SRPAC, and the larger MAC membership according to timelines established in the approved Workflow Algorithm.
6. The process and timelines for vetting MED group Consensus Decisions are described in the document entitled "Vetting of MED Group Consensus Decisions" and are referenced in the approved Workflow Algorithm.