PARTNERS *for* CHILDREN

A PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

*Provided through participating CCS Programs**

Do you need more support for your child and family?

Do you need help coordinating your child's care?

Would you like to learn more about managing your child's illness at home?

Partners for Children (PFC) is a program for children with special health care needs that are life-threatening.

If you think this program would benefit your family, talk to your doctor or nurse specialist today.

For more information contact your local county CCS office.

WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

Palliative care provides comfort care for children and families.

Palliative care focuses on:

- **improving quality of life**
- **pain and symptom management**
- **providing emotional support**

The Partners For Children (PFC) program provides supportive comfort services, including care coordination and pain management that will help support your child through the illness as you continue to seek ongoing treatment for your child.

DHCS

California Department of HealthCareServices

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

- **Care Coordination**
- **Pain and Symptom Management**
- **24/7 On-call Nursing Support**
- **Expressive Therapies** such as creative art, music, massage and play therapy
- **Family Training** including: education and training on palliative care issues, care needs, treatments, and use of equipment
- **Respite Care**
- **Support Counseling** for your child and family, including bereavement if needed.

These services are in addition to those provided by Medi-Cal and CCS.

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

A child needs to meet all of the following:

- **Live in a county that is participating in the program**
- **Be eligible for full Medi-Cal benefits**
- **Be 20 years of age or younger**
- **Have an eligible condition**

Here is a list of medical conditions that may qualify a child to receive services:

- Cancer
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Brain or head injuries
- Spinal muscular atrophy
- Muscular dystrophy dependent on a ventilator
- Intestinal problems and dependent on IV nutrition
- Liver or bowel transplant
- Heart defects or conditions
- Problems following a transplant
- Leukodystrophies

The **Partners for Children** waiver program provides support services for children with life-threatening health conditions. After review of the information received from your child's doctor or CCS Special Care Center doctor, we will work with you to determine if your child is eligible for the program.

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is available to families who live in the following participating counties:

Counties Joining in 2009:
Alameda
Monterey
San Diego
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz

Counties Joining in 2010:
Marin
Orange
San Francisco
Sonoma

Counties Joining in 2011:
Fresno
Los Angeles

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