California Children's Services (CCS) County Monitoring and Oversight

Office Hours Training: Quarterly Report



Topics Covered

- » Due dates
- » Quarterly Report
- » Compliance activities
 - Information that must be submitted
 - Best practices
- » Resources
- » CMS Net and MSBI Reports

Due Dates County CCS Programs Must Adhere To

Quarter	Due Dates
Q1: July, August, September	November 15
Q2: October, November, December	February 15
Q3: January, February, March	May 15
Q4: April, May, June	August 15

Supplemental information requests are due within 30 calendar days

Quarterly Report Template

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The Quarterly Report Template is titled, *Exhibit 1_CCS County Monitoring Template_Quarterly Reports*, and includes:

- » Reporting Instructions
- » Contact Info
- » Grievance Log
- » Appeals and State Hearing Log

- » Transition at Age 17
- » Transition at Age 20
- » DHCS Responsibilities
- » Quarterly Activities

Reporting Instructions

- » Reporting Instructions tab instructions on how to complete the Quarterly Report Template
- » County CCS programs must comply with all reporting requirements by the submission dates



Contact Information

Contact Information	
County	
Reporting Period	
Preparer Name	
Preparer Title	
Preparer Email	
Preparer Phone	

Grievance Log

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Grievance Filed	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Grievance Acknowledged	Method of Grievance Acknowledgement (Select from below)	CCS Beneficiary Full Name	Case Number

Full Name of Who is Filing the Grievance	Relationship to the CCS Beneficiary (Select from below)	Full Name of Representative Recording Grievance	Type of Grievance (Select from Below)	Category of Grievance (Select from below)

Grievance Log (cont.)

Description of Grievance	Description of Action Taken by County CCS Program to Investigate and Resolve Grievance	Grievance Status (Select from below)	Grievance Resolution Exception (Select from below)	Reason for Exception (If not applicable, write 'N/A')

Entity Redirect To (If not applicable, write 'N/A')	Full Name of Representative Responsible for Resolving Grievance	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) of Resolution	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) of Notification to CCS Representative of the Grievance Resolution

Compliance Activity for the Grievance Log

Resolution of Grievand	Resolution of Grievances					
Compliance Activit	y	Documentation Reviewed	Examples of Best Practices			
 Acknowledge standard grievances within five business days Address standard grievances within 30 calendar days, and expedited grievances within three (3) businedays 	e (5)	» Grievance Log within Quarterly Report	 County CCS program's policies and procedures address how the county will: acknowledge, review, address, coordinate with other entities when needed, and notify CCS beneficiaries of resolution per NL 06-1023 Provide onboarding and periodic training to ensure staff have a clear understanding of the county grievance process and deadlines County fully completes <i>Grievance Log</i> within Quarterly Report for all formal grievances and conducts internal monitoring at a set frequency 			

Appeals and State Hearing Log

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Appeal/State Hearing Filed	Type of Request (Select from below)	Reason for Appeal/State Hearing (Select from below)	Full Name of Who is Filing the Appeal/State Hearing
Relationship to the CCS Applicant/Beneficiary (Select from below)	CCS Applicant/Beneficiary Full Name	Case Number	Primary Language (Select from below)

() // S	Date MM/DD/YYYY) Appeal Reviewed Hearing Scheduled If not applicable, vrite 'N/A')	Appeal Reviewed/ Hearing Time (If not applicable, write 'N/A')	SOP Received (Select from below)	Appeal/State Hearing Result (Select from below)	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Appeal/State Hearing Decision Mailed

Compliance Activities for Appeals and State Hearing Log

Resolution of Appeals						
Compliance Activity	Documentation Reviewed	Examples of Best Practices				
CCS agencies shall review the appeal and mail the written response with the basis for the decision, including pertinent facts and supporting statutes or regulations to the CCS beneficiary, authorized representative, or legal guardian within 21 calendar days upon receipt of sufficient information	» Appeal and State Hearing Log within Quarterly Report	 Create internal State Hearing and Appeals policies and procedures Maintain an internal State Hearing and Appeals Log Provide on-going training to ensure all staff has a clear understanding of the grievance process Resolution of Appeals guidance is applicable to Classic Independent, Whole Child Model (WCM) Independent, and DHCS 				

Transition at Age 17

CCS Beneficiary Full Name	Case Number	DOB	Identified as High Risk (Yes or No)

What was the identifier, a CCS condition or an MTP? (Select from below, if not applicable, select 'N/A')	Has transition planning started? (Select from below, if not applicable, select 'N/A')	Does it identify an adult specialist, medical group, or medical home? (Select from below, if not applicable, select 'N/A')	Does the transition planning require an authorized representative/legal guardian? (Select from below, if not applicable, select 'N/A')

Compliance Activity for Transition Planning (Age 17)

Compliance Activity	Documentation Reviewed	Examples of Best Practices
For Classic Independent, Classic Dependent, WCM Independent: CCS only, WCM Dependent: CCS only counties - At age 17, County CCS program begins to develop the transition plan for all high-risk* CCS beneficiaries and shares the transition plan with the Primary Care Provider (PCP) and/or Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) to include: » The identified adult specialist, medical group, or Medical Home » Authorized Representative/legal guardian (if needed)	 MSBI CMS 04- Transition Planning_County_010 404 and Transition at Age 17 log within Quarterly Report 	 County CCS program's policies and procedures address how the county will: review and determine high risk* CCS beneficiaries age 17, begin transition planning for all high risk* CCS beneficiaries age 17, and coordinate care with providers, CCS beneficiaries, and authorized representative/legal guardian (if needed) Provide onboarding and periodic training to ensure staff have a clear understanding of the transition planning process and timeframe County fully completes <i>Transition at Age 17</i> log within Quarterly Report for all CCS beneficiaries age 17 and conducts internal monitoring at a set frequency

^{*} CCS Program Reporting and Survey NL 09-1123, Attachment B: High Risk Assessment Tool

Transition at Age 20

CCS Beneficiary Full Name	Case Number	DOB	Age	Identified as High Risk (Select from below)

Is transition planning What was the Does it identify an **Does the transition** completed? adult specialist, planning require an identifier, a CCS (Select from below, if condition or an MTP? medical group, or authorized (Select from below, if not applicable, select medical home? representative/legal not applicable, select guardian? 'NA') (Select from below, if not applicable, select (Select from below, if 'N/A') 'NA') not applicable, select 'NA')

Transition at Age 20 (cont.)

Was the transition plan shared with CCS beneficiary? (Select from below)	Was the transition plan shared with the authorized representative? (Select from below, if not applicable, select 'NA')	Was the transition plan shared with the legal guardian? (Select from below)	Was the transition plan shared with the PCP? (Select from below)	Was the transition plan shared with the MCP? (Select from below)

Compliance Activity for Transition Planning (Age 20)

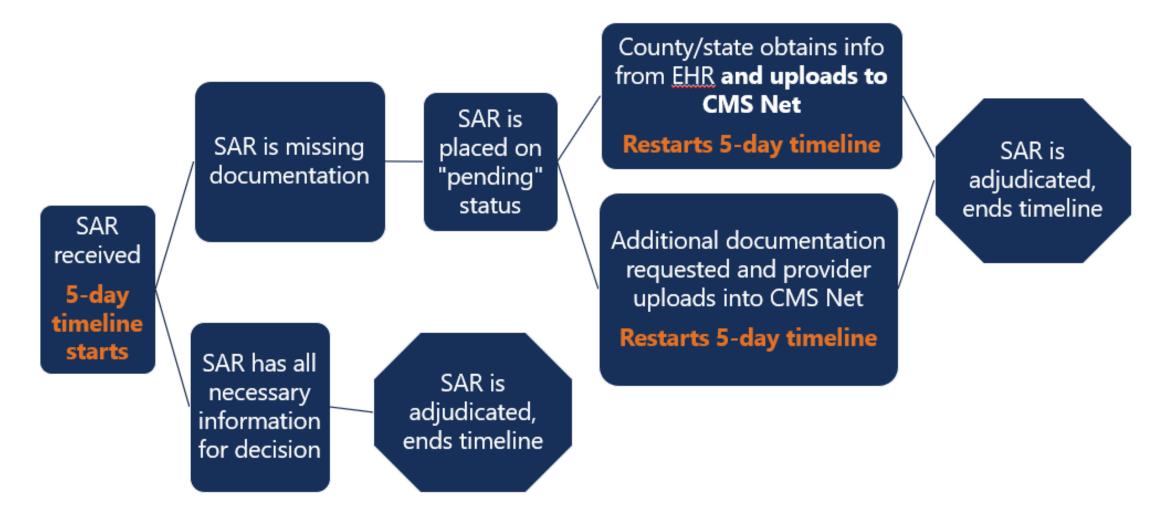
Compliance Activity	Documentation Reviewed	Examples of Best Practices
For Classic Independent, Classic Dependent, WCM Independent: CCS only, WCM Dependent: CCS only counties - At age 20, the county CCS program shall ensure the exit summary for the transition plan for all high risk* CCS beneficiaries is developed and shared with the CCS beneficiary, Authorized Representative/legal guardian (if necessary), Primary Care Physician (PCP), and/or MCP to include: » The identified adult specialist, Medical group, or Medical Home and; » Authorized representative/legal guardian (if needed)	 » Report pulled from CMS Net » Submission of Transition Log quarterly 	 Coordinate care with the PCP and/or MCP with the Transition Plan and identify the adult specialist, medical group, or medical home along with the Authorized representative/legal guardian (if needed) Provide on-going training to ensure all staff has a clear understanding of the Transition Planning process and timeline

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DHCS Responsibilities

Metric	Instructions
SAR Authorization	DHCS will Pull CMS Net Report

SAR Adjudication Report



Quarterly Compliance Activities

Provides an overview of all the quarterly compliance activities

- » Total number of quarterly compliance activities
- » County model type compliance activities applies to
- » Numerator
- » Denominator
- » Data source
- » Reporting entity

How to Submit Quarterly Report

Reports submitted through the existing budget portal with specific naming convention

- » Labeled as "County Name X Quarter 20YY Quarterly Report" where X is the quarter and YY is the year
 - **Example:** Mono County Q1 2025 Quarterly Report

How to Submit a Quarterly Report

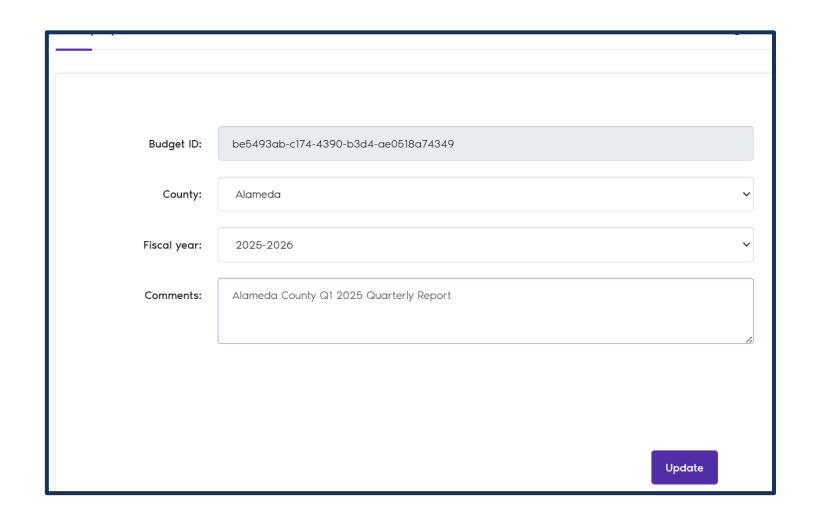


How to Submit a Quarterly Report (cont.)

Proper Naming Convention:

County Name X Quarter 20YY Quarterly Report

Example: Mono County Q1 2025 Quarterly Report



How to Submit a Quarterly Report (cont.)

- I acknowledge, that the information submitted for the Plan and Budget is correct and follows the Plan and Fiscal Guidelines.
- I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing information is, to the best of my knowledge, information and/or belief, that the information submitted is true, accurate, and complete, and that the corresponding documents and records are available and accessible to the California Department of Health Care Services upon request. I am aware that the documents and records may be requested at any time for review. I understand and acknowledge that submitting false information may subject the county to civil and/or criminal penalties under the California False Claims Act (Government Code § 12650) and/or any other state or federal regulation(s) required for County compliance.

How to Submit a Quarterly Report (cont.)



Resources

» CCS Compliance, Monitoring, and Oversight Technical Assistance Guide (TAG) – Quarterly Report

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



FAQs

- » If a dependent county has a pending SAR, DHCS puts it on hold, and the provider submits additional documents two days later, does that restart the clock?
 - The clock stops while waiting for documentation. Once you upload it, the 5day clock starts again for review to approve/deny.
- » If there are any pending SARs for missing documents, will those requests be counted in the report?
 - Pending cases will not show up on the report. Only SARs that have been adjudicated will be counted in the report. However, if no new documentation is uploaded for the SAR, once adjudicated, the report will reflect the date between the late upload and when the SAR was adjudicated.

- » If we get a retro SAR from a past service date. Will CMS Net capture the date of submission or date of service?
 - The date of last submission will be captured.
- » How are dependent counties impacted with regards to the 5-day SAR adjudication compliance when we can't adjudicate anything?
 - DHCS adjudicates SARs for dependent counties. There is no action needed from the county.
- » Will DHCS be held to the same standard?
 - DHCS will be held to the same standard and be monitored.

- » What's the expected timeline from when counties submit their quarterly report and when counties receive a deficiency report from ISCD?
 - The first due date for quarterly reports is on 11/15. Please refer to the MOU for subsequent Quarterly Report submission dates. DHCS will review county submissions. Once DHCS conducts its review, DHCS will provide counties with the findings report.
 - Response times may differ between counties based on their size and the complexity of the reports submitted. Counties will be given 30 calendar days from receipt of the findings report to resolve identified deficiencies.

- » For the SAR Adjudication Report, is there a place to manually enter the date when the documentation was received from the county?
 - The system will capture the date when the documentation is uploaded. There
 is no need to add the date the documentation was received.
- » If a SAR is pending and a provider uploads additional documentation, does that restart the 5-day?
 - Yes, the clock stops while waiting for documentation. Once you upload it, the 5-day clock starts again for review to approve/deny. Case notes should be uploaded for decisions that are being made. If the county is able to upload the documents, do so; if not, let the provider know that they need to upload the documents.

- » Does financial and residential information need to be uploaded on CMS Net?
 - Only the medical information needs to be uploaded into CMS Net. It is not required to upload financial and residential information.
- » For the grievance report, if no grievances were received in the quarter, should we submit a blank report?
 - Yes, leave it blank and enter a note that no grievances were received when sending your report.
- » Do you want us to delete the previous or old medical reports?
 - No, don't delete any medical records.

- » Medical reports are often too large to upload together into CMS Net. Can you expand the limit size to prevent the report from being broken into multiple submissions?
 - The size was increased, and it should no longer be an issue. Document uploads should only pertain to the medical necessity in order to make a decision.
- » Will we need to take the documents from the electronic health records and update them to CMS Net?
 - CMS Net is the system of records for the CCS program. Records must be uploaded and captured in CMS Net. Uploading beneficiary information into CMS Net allows for information sharing between counties when needed and preserves a record for the basis of decisions made pertaining to a beneficiary's care.

- » If counties send a request to DHCS for a SAR review, and all necessary documentation to make a decision on the SAR was uploaded to CMS Net, how would it affect the timeline if the additional review is needed from DHCS?
 - Send to directed review, which would be done on a case-by-case basis. The timeline will depend on the complexity of the case.
- » Do counties need to go back into CMS Net and upload medical documents reviewed from accessing EHR systems prior to 07/01?
 - No, counties do not need to go back into CMS Net and upload prior medical documents. However, counties must ensure all medical records used to make clinical decisions are uploaded into CMS Net as of March 27, 2025, when the DHCS CCS Administrative Case Management Manual was published.

- » For clients who have submitted a SAR but have not yet determined program eligibility, does the SAR and program eligibility need to be completed within the 5-business-day requirement?
 - Financial and residential eligibility should be processed within 30 business days. Until financial and residential eligibility have been determined, do not pend the SAR.
- » Some clients get referred to Medi-Cal, and Medi-Cal eligibility may take up to 45 days to determine eligibility. What field should we be using to put a date that medical eligibility hasn't been determined?
 - There is no field in CMS Net for when Medi-Cal eligibility has not been determined.

Question and Answer Session

Thank you



Appendix

CMS Net and Microsoft Business Intelligence (MSBI) Reports
Utilized for the CCS County Quarterly Report



Compliance Activity: Transition Planning

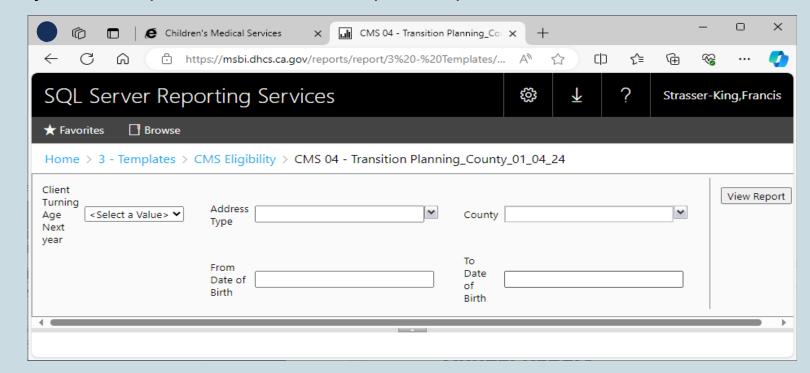
Report Name/Location: CMS 04-Transition Planning_County_01_04_04 (MSBI)

Report Description: The report generated gives a list of beneficiaries turning 17 or 20 between the dates selected

DHCS will review the CMS 04-Transition
Planning_County_01_04_04
report and the Transition Log
submitted from the county to
determine adherence to the
compliance activity

Report Path

- » Select the folder labeled "Templates"
- » Select the folder labeled "CMS Eligibility"
- » Select the folder labeled "CMS 04-Transition Planning_County_01_04_04"
 Once selections are completed, the user will be sent to the report page where they must set parameters to develop the report



Compliance Activity: Transition Planning (cont.)

Report Name/Location: CMS 04-Transition Planning_County_01_04_04 (MSBI)

Report Description: The report generated gives a list of beneficiaries turning 17 or 20 between the dates selected.

DHCS will review the CMS 04-Transition
Planning_County_01_04_04
report and the Transition Log
submitted from the county to
determine adherence to the
compliance activity Report Path (continued)

- » Select "Client Turning Age Next Year" (The user should select 17 or 20 depending on the metric being investigated)
- » Click "Address Type" and select "Primary"
- » Click "County" and select the desired county
- » In the fields labeled "From Date of Birth", enter the desired start of birthdate range. In the field labeled "To Date of Birth", enter the date that reflects the desired metric being evaluated (ex. 07/1/2008 and 9/30/2008). Be sure to set dates based on quarterly reporting periods.
- » Click "View Report"

Compliance Activity: SAR Adjudication

Report Path

» This report is still in production and this information will be shared once the report is live in CMS Net

Upcoming Office Hours for Quarterly Reporting

Thursday, June 12 from 10 am – 11 am

Questions? Email: CCSMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov

