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Please note this manual is only a guide to assist clients or providers in submitting appropriate referrals to the California Children Services (CCS) Program. The diagnoses listed under each category of medical conditions in this guide comprise a representative but not inclusive list of medical conditions in the category. Final medical eligibility for the CCS Program is based on timely submission of a service authorization request (SAR), required supporting medical documentation, California Code of Regulation, Title 22 (CCS regulations) Sections 41515.1-41518.9 for specific qualifiers, and policy letters. Submission based on ICD codes alone does not guarantee approval of services by the CCS Program.

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ABOUT THE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (MEG) WORKGROUP

Sharing the Vision: The California Children's Services (CCS) MEG Workgroup (Workgroup) was convened by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Systems of Care Division (SCD) with the goal of clarifying the process of approval and adjudication of California Children Services' (CCS) service authorization requests (SARs), as well as improving staff efficiencies in reviewing and processing SARs.

The aims of the Workgroup include:

- Maintenance of integrity and quality of the CCS Program.
- Protecting the integrity of the CCS Program.
- Improving and streamlining the SAR authorization process with technology.
- Identifying items and services where the SAR can be automatically adjudicated.
- Improving staffing efficiencies.
- Identifying barriers and other resources.

One of the outcomes of the Workgroup was the development of this CCS Medical Eligibility Guide (Guide). The Guide is designed to be used by the CCS Program nursing staff, providers, and stakeholders. It can be used as a training tool, general handbook, and as a CCS Program medical eligibility reference. The Guide contains two main sets of tables: one is a set of tables that list medical conditions that are frequently or always recognized as medically eligible for the CCS Program services and the other is for those medical conditions that are generally recognized as ineligible CCS Program medical conditions and is designed to prevent inappropriate referrals to the program. The Guide references and follows, Title 22 California Code of Regulations: Division 2, Part 2, Subdivision 7, CCS Chapter 3, Article 2, Medical Eligibility Sections 41515.2 – 41518.9.

BACKGROUND

This Guide is designed for the purpose of education and training of CCS Program nursing staff, providers, and stakeholders such as Medi-Cal managed care health plans. It is also designed to facilitate program and statewide consistency of the CCS Program referrals. It was developed through the combined efforts of State and county staff who participated in the Workgroup, convened under the direction of the DHCS, SCD executive staff. As a result, the Workgroup identified a list of medical conditions that would lead to either appropriate (CCS medically eligible conditions) or inappropriate referrals (CCS Program medically ineligible conditions) to the CCS Program. The Workgroup coordinated discussions with multiple local county CCS program medical consultants, DHCS Dependent County Operations Section medical consultants, as well as medical consultants of the Southern Region Physician Advisory Committee (SRPAC), Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)/MAC Steering Committee, the Children's Regional Integrated Service System (CRISS) Medical Consultant Medical Eligibility Workgroup, and the DHCS SCD medical consultants.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This Guide is intended to be shared and used by CCS Program staff, CCS Program physicians, stakeholders, and Medi-Cal managed care health plans. It can be used as a handbook to assist State and county staff in reviewing SARs. It can also be used by providers to assist with identifying CCS Program eligible individuals so that they can submit appropriate referrals to the CCS Program. Final medical eligibility determination for the CCS Program services is based on the timely submission of a SAR, required supporting medical documentation, the CCS Program regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Sections 41515.1 - 41518.9 (for specific qualifiers), and policy letters.

Medical Eligibility Guide Format: The Guide is formatted into sections that follow CCS Program medically eligibility criteria, as referenced in Title 22, California Code of Regulations. Readers will note that for each section, there are two tables - one table is for “Frequently Recognized CCS Program -Eligible Conditions” and the other table is for “Generally Recognized as CCS Program -Ineligible Conditions”. “Generally Recognized as CCS Program-Ineligible Conditions” usually should not be submitted to the CCS Program, unless there is some other underlying CCS Program medically eligible condition associated with the ineligible diagnosis.

As time permits the Workgroup will consider adding International Classification of Diseases (ICD) -10 CPT codes. Please also note that some of the CCS Program -medically eligible conditions are listed within a broader ICD-10 code that also lists other medical conditions. For example: homocystinuria is listed in ICD-10 code: E72.1: Disorders of sulphur-bearing amino-acid metabolism.

This Guide does not replace the requirements outlined in Section 41515.1, Determination of Medical Eligibility:

“Medical eligibility for the CCS Program, as specified in Sections 41515.2 through 41518.9 shall be determined by the CCS Program medical consultant or designee through review of medical records that document the applicant’s medical history, results of a physical examination by a physician, laboratory tests, radiologic findings, or other tests or examinations that support the diagnosis of the eligible condition.”

Note: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

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FUTURE UPDATES

This Guide will be updated as needed per future ICD updates and any revisions to the California Code of Regulations Title 22.: Division 2, Part 2, Subdivision 7, CCS Chapter 3, Article 2, Medical Eligibility Sections 41515.2 – 41518.9.

CCS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY TABLES
Sections 41515.2 through 41518.9

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41515.2. Infectious Diseases.

CCS applicants diagnosed with at least one of the following shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Infections of the bone, such as osteomyelitis and periostitis.
- (b) Infections of the eye when the infection, if untreated, may result in permanent visual impairment or blindness.
- (c) Infections of the central nervous system which have produced a neurologic impairment that results in physical disability requiring surgery or rehabilitation services to regain or improve function, such as movement or speech, which was limited or lost as a result of the infection.
- (d) Infections acquired in utero and for which medically necessary postnatal treatment is required, such as toxoplasmosis, cytomegalovirus infection, rubella, herpes simplex, and syphilis.
- (e) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV infection), when confirmed by laboratory tests.
- (f)

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
HIV infection
Congenital syphilis, unspecified
Immundeficiency with predominantly T-cell defect, unspecified
Keratitis
Chronic dacrocystitis
Arthropathy associated with infections
Osteomyelitis
Periostitis without mention of osteomyelitis
Infections specific to the perinatal period
Severe sepsis

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions*
Intestinal infectious disease
Viral diseases accompanied by exanthem
Arthropod-borne viral diseases
Other diseases due to viruses and chlamydiae
Mycoses
Helminthiases
Cysticercosis
Other infectious and parasitic diseases
Fever unspecified
Other spirochetal diseases≠

* Infections listed are usually not medically eligible, but disease sequelae may be.

≠ Please refer to individual spirochetal diseases.

41516. Neoplasms.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) All malignant neoplasms, including leukemia.
- (b) A benign neoplasm when either of the following is present:
 - (1) The neoplasm is physically disabling or severely disfiguring; or
 - (2) The neoplasm is located contiguous to or within a vital organ or body part, and its continued growth or lack of treatment would limit or eliminate the function of the organ or body part or lead to the death of the applicant.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Malignant neoplasms
Malignant neoplasm of kidney (Wilms' tumor)
Retinoblastoma
ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia)
230-234 Carcinoma in situ

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
* see below

* A benign tumor that is physically disabling, severely disfiguring or contiguous to or within a vital organ or body part and needs to be referred to the CCS Program medical consultant for medical eligibility determination.

41516.1. Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases, and Immune Disorders.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Diseases of the pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, thymus, and adrenal glands.
- (b) Growth hormone deficiency.
- (c) Diseases of the ovaries or testicles in which there is delayed onset of puberty, primary amenorrhea after the age of 15 years, sexual development prior to the age of eight years for females and nine years for males, feminization of a male, or virilization of a female.
- (d) Diseases of the pancreas resulting in pancreatic dysfunction.
- (e) Diabetes mellitus.
- (f) Diseases due to congenital or acquired immunologic deficiency manifested by life-threatening infections, as determined from medical information about the applicant's clinical course and laboratory studies.
- (g) Inborn errors of metabolism such as phenylketonuria, homocystinuria, galactosemia, glycogen storage disease and maple syrup urine disease.
- (h) Cystic fibrosis.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
HIV Infection
Disorders of thyroid gland
Congenital hypothyroidism
Diabetes
Growth hormone deficiency
Adrenal hyperplasia, congenital ^ψ
PKU (phenylketonuria)
Maple syrup urine disease
Homocystinuria
Glycogen storage disease
Galactosemia
Cystic fibrosis
Lupus erythematosus
JRA (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)

^ψ Please note: A complete list of disorders detectable by the California Newborn Screening Program is available at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/nbs/Pages/NBSDisordersforProviders.aspx>

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Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
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Morbid obesity *

Symptoms concerning nutrition, metabolism, and development
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* Please note: Morbid obesity accompanied by co-morbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemias and sleep apnea may be medically eligible.

41516.3. Diseases of Blood and Blood-Forming Organs.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Anemias due to abnormal production of red cells or hemoglobin;
- (b) Anemias resulting solely from a nutritional deficiency, such as inadequate intake of iron, folic acid or Vitamin B12 is eligible only when they present with life-threatening complications;
- (c) Hemolytic anemias such as, but not limited to, congenital spherocytosis, sickle cell disease, the thalassemias and erythroblastosis fetalis;
- (d) Hemolytic anemias resulting from infection is eligible only when they present with life-threatening complications;
- (e) Pancytopenias, such as the congenital and acquired aplastic anemias;
- (f) Disorders of leukocytes such as acquired and congenital neutropenia and chronic granulomatous disease;
- (g) Hemorrhagic diseases due to:
 - (1) Coagulation disorders such as the hemophilia's and Von Willebrand's disease; or
 - (2) Disorders of platelets that are life threatening;
- (h) Other disorders of blood and blood-forming organs that are life-threatening such as polycythemia, hypersplenism and hypercoagulable states.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) [‡]
Pernicious anemia
Congenital spherocytosis
Thalassemias
Sickle cell anemia
Hemolytic anemia
Aplastic anemia, unspecified
Hemophilia
Von Willebrand's disease
Defibrination syndrome (Includes disseminated intravascular coagulation)
Congenital neutropenia
Chronic granulomatous disease
Polycythemia, secondary
Hypersplenism
Erythroblastosis fetalis
Disseminated intravascular coagulation in newborn

[‡] Please also refer to Section 41516. Neoplasms

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Beta thalassemia trait
Sickle- cell trait
Anemia, unspecified

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41517. Mental Disorders and Intellectual Disability* [Mental Retardation].

- (a) CCS applicants with a mental disorder, whose application is based upon such a disorder, shall not be medically eligible for the CCS Program.
- (b) CCS applicants with mental retardation, whose application is based upon such disease, shall not be medically eligible for the CCS Program.

Please refer to CCS Numbered Letter (N.L.) 11-2002 Outpatient Mental Health Services as the CCS Program Benefits (<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Documents/ccsn111002.pdf>) for guidelines for when mental health disorders may be eligible for the CCS Program benefits.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Not Applicable

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Mental disorders
Eating disorder, unspecified
Bulimia nervosa
Psychogenic vomiting
Enuresis
Encopresis
Hyperkinetic syndrome of childhood
Specific delays in development
Lack of normal development unspecified

*Please note the term “mental retardation” is replaced by the term “intellectual disability”.

41517.3. Diseases of the Nervous System.

- (a) CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:
 - (1) Noninfectious diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system which produce a neurologic impairment that is life threatening or physically disabling.
 - (2) Cerebral palsy, a motor disorder with onset in early childhood resulting from a non- progressive lesion in the brain manifested by the presence of one or more of the following:
 - (A) Rigidity or spasticity.
 - (B) Hypotonia, with normal or increased deep tendon reflexes, and exaggeration of or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond the normal age range.
 - (C) Involuntary movements that are described as athetoid, choreoid, or dystonic.
 - (D) Ataxia manifested by incoordination of voluntary movement, dysdiadochokinesia, intention tremor, reeling or shaking of trunk and head, staggering or stumbling, and broad-based gait.
 - (3) Seizure disorder when either of the following occurs:
 - (A) It is a component of or secondary to a CCS-eligible condition; or
 - (B) It is of unknown origin and one of the following exists:
 - 1. The frequency or duration of the seizures requires more than four changes in dosage or type of medications in the 12 months preceding the initial or subsequent determination of medical eligibility;
 - 2. The frequency or duration of the seizures requires two or more types of seizure medications each day;
 - 3. The frequency or duration of the seizures requires at least a monthly medical office visit for assessment of the applicant's clinical status and periodic blood tests for medication levels or presence of blood dyscrasia; or
 - 4. The applicant has experienced an episode of Status Epilepticus in which case medical eligibility shall extend for one year following that event.
 - (4) Congenital anomalies of the nervous system which meet the criteria of section 41518.8.
- (b) When the eligibility criteria listed in subsection (a) (3) (B) above have not been present for at least one year, eligibility shall cease.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Multiple sclerosis
Brachial plexus palsy
Myasthenia gravis

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Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Muscular dystrophy
Muscular dystrophy, Duchenne's
Myelomeningocele
Spina bifida
Hydrocephalus
Tethered cord

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Organic sleep disorders
Pain
Other headache syndromes
Migraine
Myalgia & myositis, unspecified (fibromyositis)
Spina bifida (occulta)

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41517.5. Medical Therapy Program.

- (a) CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Medical Therapy Program:
 - (1) Cerebral palsy as specified in Section 41517.3(a) (2).
 - (2) Neuromuscular conditions that produce muscle weakness and atrophy, such as poliomyelitis, myasthenias, and muscular dystrophies.
 - (3) Chronic musculoskeletal and connective tissue diseases or deformities such as osteogenesis imperfecta, arthrogryposis, rheumatoid arthritis, amputations, and contractures resulting from burns.
 - (4) Other conditions manifesting the findings listed in section 41517.3(a) above, such as ataxias, degenerative neurological disease, or other intracranial processes.
- (b) CCS applicants under three years of age shall be eligible when two or more of the following neurological findings are present:
 - (1) Exaggerations of or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond the normal age (corrected for prematurity);
 - (2) Increased Deep Tendon Reflexes (DTRs) that are 3+ or greater;
 - (3) Abnormal posturing as characterized by the arms, legs, head, or trunk turned or twisted into an abnormal position;
 - (4) Hypotonicity, with normal or increased DTRs, in infants below one year of age. (Infants above one year must meet criteria described in (a) (1)); or
 - (5) Asymmetry of motor findings of trunk or extremities.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Polio, post-polio syndrome
Multiple sclerosis
Cerebral palsy*
Brachial plexus palsy (aka Erb's Palsy)
Myasthenia gravis
Muscular dystrophy
Muscular dystrophy, Duchenne
Rheumatoid arthritis
Contractures (resulting from burns)
Arthrogryposis
Spina bifida
Spina bifida without mention of hydrocephalus
Osteogenesis imperfecta
Intracranial injury of other and unspecified nature/without mention of open intracranial wound (closed head injury)
Frequently Recognized

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CCS-Eligible Conditions

Intracranial injury of other and unspecified nature/ with open intracranial wound (open intracranial wound).
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Spinal cord injury (without evidence of spinal bone injury)

Spinal cord injury –unspecified site of spinal cord

Amputations of limb(s)

* Regarding cerebral palsy, refer to Section 41517.3 (2) for criteria.

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
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Spina Bifida (occulta)

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41517.7. Diseases of the Eye.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following eye conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Strabismus, when surgery is required and either until fusion is obtained, or a visibly abnormal deformity is corrected.
- (b) Infections that produce permanent visual impairment or blindness, such as keratitis and choroiditis.
- (c) Infections that require ophthalmological surgery, such as chronic dacryocystitis.
- (d) Other diseases that can lead to permanent visual impairment such as:
 - 1. Cataract.
 - 2. Glaucoma.
 - 3. Retinal detachment.
 - 4. Optic atrophy orhypoplasia.
 - 5. Optic neuritis.
 - 6. Lens dislocation.
 - 7. Retinopathy of prematurity.
 - 8. Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous.
 - 9. Ptosis.
- (e) Congenital anomalies of the eye which meet the criteria of section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Retinoblastoma
Retinal detachment
ROP (retinopathy of prematurity)
Choroiditis
Glaucoma
Keratitis
Ptosis of eyelid (causing vision loss)
Optic neuritis
Strabismus (requiring surgery)
Lens disorders
Optic atrophy/hypoplasia
Cataract
Persistent hyperplastic primary Vitreous

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Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
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Disorders of Refraction and accommodation

Hypermetropia

Myopia

Blepharitis

Blepharitis unspecified

Squamous blepharitis

Hordeolum externum

Hordeolum internum

Abscess of eyelid

Chalazion

Inflammation of eyelids

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41518. Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process.

- (a) CCS applicants shall be eligible for participation in the CCS Program for diagnostic services to determine the presence of a hearing loss when the applicant:
 - (1) Fails two pure tone audiometric hearing screening tests performed at least six weeks apart at levels not to exceed 25 decibels and at the minimum number of frequencies of 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hertz; or
 - (2) Fails to have normal auditory brain stem evoked response; or
 - (3) Fails otoacoustic emission or behavioral responses to auditory stimuli as determined by two tests performed at least six weeks apart; or
 - (4) Fails to pass hearing screening provided through the Newborn and Infant Hearing Screening, Tracking and Intervention Program, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 123975 and 124115 through 124120.5; or
 - (5) Exhibits symptoms that may indicate a hearing loss such as poor speech for age or delay in age-appropriate behavioral milestones; or
 - (6) Has documentation of one of the risk factors associated with a sensorineural hearing or conductive hearing loss such as:
 - (A) A family history of congenital or childhood onset of hearing impairment.
 - (B) Congenital infection known or suspected to be associated with hearing loss.
 - (C) Craniofacial anomalies.
 - (D) Hyperbilirubinemia at a level exceeding the indication for an exchange transfusion.
 - (E) Ototoxic medications used for more than five days.
 - (F) Bacterial meningitis.
 - (G) Severe depression at birth, defined as:
 - 1. Apgar score of three or less;
 - 2. Failure to initiate spontaneous respirations by ten minutes of age; or
 - 3. Hypotonia persisting to two hours of age.
 - (H) Prolonged mechanical ventilation for a duration of at least five days.
 - (I) Findings of a syndrome known to be associated with hearing loss.
- (b) If either of the tests referenced in (a)(1) and (3) above are performed by an audiologist or otolaryngologist, only one exam shall be required for eligibility for diagnostic testing.
- (c) CCS applicants shall be eligible for participating in the CCS Program for treatment services when there is a hearing loss present as defined by the following criteria:
 - (1) In children over five years of age, a pure tone audiometric loss of 30 decibels or greater at two or more frequencies in the same ear tested at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 6000, 8000 Hertz or a loss of 40 decibels or greater at any one frequency between and including 500 through 8000 Hertz;
 - (2) In children from three to five years of age, a pure tone audiometric loss of 30 decibels or greater at any frequency tested at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 6000, 8000 Hertz; or
 - (3) In children unable to complete a pure tone audiometric test and whose auditory brain stem evoked response, or otoacoustic emission, or behavioral responses to auditory stimuli indicate hearing loss of 30 decibels or greater.
- (d) CCS applicants shall be eligible for participation in the CCS Program for treatment services when there is:
 - (1) Perforation of the tympanic membrane that requires tympanoplasty; or
 - (2) Mastoiditis; or

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- (3) Cholesteatoma.
- (e) Congenital anomalies of the ear and mastoid process that meet the criteria of section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830, 123835, and 123975, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Mastoiditis
Tympanic perforation (needs surgery)
Cholesteatoma
SNHL (sensorineural hearing loss)
Anomalies of the ear—unspecified anomaly of ear

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Otitis media and eustachian tube disorder*
Otitis media
Throat pain
Voice disturbance
Other

* Otitis Media and Eustachian tube disorder: without hearing loss or other co-morbidities

41518.2. Diseases of the Circulatory System.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Diseases of the endocardium, myocardium, or pericardium;
- (b) Cardiac dysrhythmias requiring medical or surgical intervention;
- (c) Diseases of blood vessels such as embolism, thrombosis, aneurysms, and periarteritis;
- (d) Cerebral and subarachnoid hemorrhage;
- (e) Chronic diseases of the lymphatic system;
- (f) Primary hypertension that requires medication to control; or
- (g) Congenital anomalies of the circulatory system that meet the criteria of section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Essential hypertension* (requiring meds)
Long QT syndrome
Paroxysmal ventricular tachycardia
Atrial fibrillation
Aortic aneurysm
Aneurysm (other)
Periarteritis
Acute venous embolism and Thrombosis of other specified veins
Common truncus
Transposition of the great vessels
Tetralogy of Fallot
Other congenital anomalies of heart
Pulmonary atresia
Coarctation of aorta
Intraventricular hemorrhage

* Essential hypertension that requires medication to control

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Epistaxis [€]

€ Epistaxis: Without Complications

41518.3. Diseases of the Respiratory System.

CCS applicants with at least one of the chronic conditions of the respiratory tract, such as the following conditions, shall be eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Chronic pulmonary infections such as abscess or bronchiectasis;
- (b) Cystic fibrosis;
- (c) Chronic Lung Disease (CLD) of infancy, such as Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (BPD), when either (1) or (2) below are met:
 - (1) History of care in a neonatal intensive care unit that includes all of the following:
 - (A) Mechanical ventilation for more than six days;
 - (B) Concentration of oxygen greater than 60 percent for more than four of the days of ventilation; and
 - (C) Need for supplemental oxygen for more than 30 days; or
 - (2) The presence in an infant of at least one of the following:
 - (A) Radiographic changes characteristic of CLD such as areas of hyperinflation, areas of radiolucency, and areas of radio density due to peribronchial thickening or patchy atelectasis;
 - (B) Impaired pulmonary function, as manifested by one or more of the following during a stable phase: increased airway resistance, increased residual capacity, decreased dynamic compliance, arterial CO2 tension (PaCO2) greater than 45 or arterial O2 tension (PaO2) less than 80; or
 - (C) Cardiovascular sequelae such as pulmonary or systemic hypertension or right or left ventricular hypertrophy.
- (d) Asthma, when it has produced chronic lung disease;
- (e) Chronic disorders of the lung that are the result of chemical injury, metabolic disorders, genetic defects, or immunologic disorders other than asthma;
- (f) Respiratory failure requiring ventilatory assistance;
- (g) Hyaline membrane disease; or
- (h) Congenital anomalies of the respiratory system that meet the criteria of Section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Cystic fibrosis
Respiratory failure
Pulmonary atresia*
Hyaline membrane disease
Bronchopulmonary dysplasia CLD

* Circulatory condition that may have secondary respiratory conditions

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
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Acute sphenoidal sinusitis

Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)

Acute sinusitis

Acute maxillary sinusitis

Acute ethmoidal sinusitis

Other acute sinusitis

Acute sinusitis, unspecified

Acute pharyngitis

Acute tonsillitis

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41518.4. Diseases of the Digestive System.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Diseases of the liver including:
 - (1) Acute liver failure;
 - (2) Chronic liver disease;
- (b) Disorders of the gastrointestinal tract including:
 - (1) Chronic inflammatory diseases requiring complex ongoing medical management or surgical intervention such as pancreatitis, peptic ulcer, ulcerative colitis, regional enteritis, diverticulitis, and cholecystitis;
 - (2) Chronic intestinal failure; or
 - (3) Gastroesophageal reflux when:
 - (A) It is part of or complicates the management of a CCS-eligible condition; or
 - (B) It is an isolated condition with complications such as esophageal stricture or chronic aspiration pneumonia.
- (c) Congenital anomalies of the digestive system that meet the criteria of section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Diabetes*
Cystic fibrosis
Peptic ulcer (chronic)
Regional enteritis (chronic)
Crohn's disease
Ulcerative colitis (chronic)
Diverticulitis (chronic)
Acute liver failure
Chronic liver disease
Pancreatitis (chronic)
Esophageal atresia
Hirschsprung's
Gastroschisis

* Please also refer to Section 4156.1 Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases, and Immune Disorders

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
dehydration - cachexia
Acquired hypertrophic pyloric stenosis
Appendicitis

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Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Constipation, unspecified
Abscess of anal and rectal regions
Neonatal jaundice associated with preterm delivery
Unspecified fetal & neonatal jaundice Hyperbilirubinemia

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41518.5. Diseases of the Genitourinary System.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Acute glomerulonephritis in the presence of acute renal failure, malignant hypertension, or congestive heart failure;
- (b) Chronic glomerulonephritis, chronic nephrosis, or chronic nephrotic syndrome;
- (c) Chronic renal insufficiency;
- (d) Obstructive uropathies;
- (e) Vesicoureteral reflux, grade II or greater;
- (f) Renal calculus; or
- (g) Congenital anomalies of the genitourinary tract that meet the criteria of section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Malignant hypertension
Chronic nephrosis
Chronic nephrotic syndrome
Chronic glomerulonephritis
Acute kidney failure (unspecified)
Chronic renal disease (unspecified.)
Kidney stones
Vesicoureteral reflux (grade II or greater)
Obstructive uropathies
Undescended testes (bilateral)
Hypospadias(male)

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Not Applicable

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41518.6. Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissues.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Persistent or progressive diseases of the skin or subcutaneous tissue, such as pemphigus and epidermolysis bullosa, which;
 - (1) Are disabling or life-threatening; and
 - (2) Requires multidisciplinary management.
- (b) Scars when surgery is required and at least one of the following criteria is met:
 - (1) There is limitation of or loss of mobility of a major joint, such as the ankle, knee, hip, wrist, elbow, or shoulder; or
 - (2) They are disabling or severely disfiguring.
- (c) Congenital anomalies of the skin or subcutaneous tissue that meet the criteria of section 41518.8.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Pemphigus
Scars (disfiguring/joint limiting)
Epidermolysis bullosa

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Cellulitis and abscess of anal & rectal regions
Urethral abscess
Other inflammatory disorders of penis
Seminal vesiculitis
Inflammatory disease of breast
Other spec inflammatory disease female pelvic organs/tissues
Unspecified inflammatory disease of female pelvic organs/tissues
Inflammatory disease of cervix, vagina, and vulva
Carbuncle and furuncle
Cellulitis/abscess of finger and toe
Cellulitis/abscess of finger
Felon
Onychia and paronychia of finger
Cellulitis and abscess of toe
Cellulitis and abscess of toe, unspecified
Onychia and paronychia of toe
Cellulitis/abscess of unspecified digit
Other Cellulitis/abscess
Cellulitis/abscess of face

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Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
Cellulitis/abscess of neck
Cellulitis/abscess of trunk
Cellulitis and abscess of upper arm and forearm
Cellulitis and abscess of hand except fingers and thumb
Cellulitis/abscess of buttock
Cellulitis/abscess of leg except foot
Cellulitis/abscess of foot except toes
Cellulitis/abscess of other specified sites
Cellulitis/abscess of unspecified sites
Acute lymphadenitis
Impetigo
Pilonidal Cyst
Other local infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue
Corns and Callosities
Other hypertrophic and atrophic conditions of skin
Acquired acanthosis nigricans
Striae Atrophicae
Seborrheic Keratosis
Inflamed Seborrheic Keratosis
Other seborrheic keratosis
Other specified dermatoses
Urticaria
Other disorders of skin and subcutaneous tissue

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41518.7. Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue.

- (a) CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:
 - (1) Acute and chronic suppurative infections of the joint;
 - (2) Chronic, progressive or recurrent inflammatory disease of the connective tissue or joints, such as rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory polyarthropathy, lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, and scleroderma;
 - (3) Chronic, progressive, or degenerative diseases of muscles and fascia, such as myasthenias, myotonias, dystrophies, and atrophies that lead to atrophy, weakness, contracture and deformity, and motor disability;
 - (4) Intervertebral disc herniation;
 - (5) Scoliosis with a curvature of 20 degrees or greater;
 - (6) Other disease of the bones and joints, except fractures, resulting in limitation of normal function and requiring surgery, complex customized bracing, or more than two castings; or
 - (7) Congenital anomalies of the musculoskeletal system or connective tissue that meet the criteria of section 41518.8.
- (b) Minor orthopedic conditions, such as tibial torsion, femoral anteversion, knock knees, pigeon toes, and flat feet, which only require special shoes, splints, and/or simple bracing are not eligible.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Fractures (see 41518.9 accidents, etc.)
Muscular dystrophy
Myasthenia gravis
Muscular dystrophy, Duchenne
Myotonic muscular dystrophy
Myotonia congenita
Scleroderma
Lupus erythematosus
Dermatomyositis
Joints, septic
Rheumatoid arthritis
JRA (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)
Inflammatory polyarthropathy
Intervertebral disc herniation
Arthrogyrosis
Osteomyelitis
Slipped capital femoral epiphysis
Scoliosis (20 degree or greater)

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Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Spina bifida
Dislocated hip (congenital)
Clubfoot
Syndactyly
Osteogenesis imperfecta

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions	ICD-9 Code	ICD-9 Code Disease Category or Name
In growing nail	703.0	Diseases of nail
Plica syndrome	727.83	Other disorders of synovium, tendon, and bursa;
Bone dislocations	830-839	Dislocation

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41518.8. Congenital Anomalies. (Please also refer to specific organ system sections)

- (a) CCS applicants with congenital anomalies shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program when the congenital anomaly is amenable to cure, correction, or amelioration; and
 - (1) Limits or compromises a body function based on a combination of factors such as its size, type and location; or
 - (2) Is severely disfiguring.
- (b) The following conditions **shall not be** medically eligible for the CCS Program when the application for eligibility is based solely on their presence:
 - (1) Inguinal and umbilical hernia;
 - (2) Hydrocele; or
 - (3) Unilateral undescended testicle.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
Inborn errors of metabolism*
Myelomeningocele
Spina bifida
Hydrocephalus
Unspecified anomaly of the brain/spinal cord
Truncus arteriosus
Transposition of the great vessels
Tetralogy of Fallot
Coarctation of aorta
Cleft palate and cleft lip
Cleft lip
Cleft lip with cleft palate
Esophageal atresia
Imperforate anus
Undescended testes (bilateral)
Atresia & stenosis of urethra & Bladder Neck
Clubfoot
Syndactyly
Osteogenesis imperfecta
Dislocated hip (congenital)

* Please refer to Section 41516, Endocrine, Nutritional, Metabolic Disease and Immune Disorders

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
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Inguinal hernia

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41518.9. Accidents, Poisonings, Violence, and Immunization Reactions.

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions shall be medically eligible for participation in the CCS Program:

- (a) Injuries to organ systems or organs which, if left untreated, are likely to result in permanent physical disability, permanent loss of function, severe disfigurement or death;
- (b) Fractures of the spine, pelvis, or femur;
- (c) Fractures of the skull, which, if left untreated, would result in Central Nervous System complications or severe disfigurement;
- (d) All other fractures which require open reduction, internal fixation or which involve the joints or growth plates.
- (e) Burns, when at least one of the following is present:
 - (1) Second and third degree burns of greater than ten 10 percent of the body surface area for children less than ten 10 years of age;
 - (2) Second and third degree burns of greater than twenty 20 percent of the body surface area for children greater than ten 10 years of age;
 - (3) Third degree burns of greater than five percent of the body surface area for any age group;
 - (4) Burns involving signs or symptoms of inhalation injury or causing respiratory distress;
 - (5) Second or third degree burns of the face, ear, the mouth and throat, genitalia, perineum, major joints, the hands and feet; or
 - (6) Electrical injury or burns, including burns caused by lighting;
- (f) Presence of a foreign body when the object, if not surgically removed, would result in death or a permanent limitation or compromise of a body function;
- (g) Ingestion of drugs or poisons that result in life threatening events and require inpatient hospital treatment;
- (h) Lead poisoning as defined as a confirmed blood level of 20 micrograms per deciliter or above;
- (i) Poisonous snakebites that require complex medical management and that may result in severe disfigurement, permanent disability or death;
- (j) Other envenomation, such as spider bites, that require complex medical management and that may result in severe disfigurement, permanent disability or death; or
- (k) Severe adverse reactions to an immunization requiring extensive medical care.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 20 and 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 123830 and 123835, Health and Safety Code.

Frequently Recognized CCS-Eligible Conditions
ALL ORIF* (open reduction internal fixation)
Fractures involving joints/growth plates
Pelvic/Spine fractures
Acetabular fracture
Olecranon fracture
Coronoid fracture
Styloid of ulna, fracture
Scaphoid fracture
Epiphyseal fracture
Femur fracture
Condylar fracture
Epiphysis fracture
Intercondylar fracture
Mandibular joint
Burn confined to eye and adnexa
Burn of face, head, and neck
Compartment syndrome
Immunization reaction (severe)

* Please refer to individual fractures

Generally Recognized as CCS-INELIGIBLE Conditions
General symptoms
Concussion

Glossary of Terms

Abnormal

Contrary to the usual structure, position, condition, behavior or rule.

Benign Neoplasm

An abnormal growth of tissue in a body part, organ or skin which does both of the following:

- a. Remains confined within the capsule or boundary of the specific body part, organ or skin; and
- b. Does not seed to other noncontiguous areas of the body.

California Children's Services (CCS)

A State and County program providing medically necessary benefits as defined in Section 41452 to persons under 21 years of age with physically handicapping conditions who meet medical, financial, and residential eligibility requirements for the CCS Program.

CCS Physician

A physician who has been certified by an American Board of Medical Specialties, or whose eligibility for such certification is contingent upon passing the certification examination, and who provides services to the CCS Program clients.

Client

A person under 21 years of age who has been approved for CCS Program benefits.

Department

The California Department of Health Care Services.

Director

The Director of the California Department of Health Care Services.

Disability

The limitation of a body function, which includes both of the following:

- a. Compromises the ability to perform the usual and customary activities that a child of comparable age would be expected to perform; and
- b. Can be identified or quantified by a medical examination and standard tests for that body function.

Disfiguring

A marring of form, appearance or character.

Expert Physician

A physician and surgeon who is certified as a specialist by the American Board of Medical Specialists and has a faculty appointment at an accredited medical school.

Full Medi-Cal Benefits

The CCS Program client as defined under section 41414 or applicant is eligible for the full range of Medi-Cal benefits without a share of cost.

Function

The specific activity performed to carry out the purpose of an organ or part of the body.

Hearing Officer

A person designated by the Director to conduct state hearings.

Life Threatening

An injury or illness that could lead to death.

Intellectual Disability (mental retardation)

A disability with limitation of a person's thinking, memory, and reasoning ability, as determined by standardized psychological testing.

Malignant Neoplasm

A mass or growth in a body part, organ, or skin which does all of the following:

- a. Is made up of abnormal cells as determined by histological examination;
- b. Rapidly expands and grows;
- c. Invades other adjacent body parts or organs; and
- d. Invades other distant, noncontiguous body parts or organs.

Medical Therapy Program

The specific component of the CCS Program located in public schools that provide physical therapy, occupational therapy, and physician consultations to children with specifically defined eligible medical conditions.

Medically Necessary Benefits

Those services, equipment, tests, and drugs that are required to meet the medical needs of the client's CCS Program-eligible medical condition as prescribed, ordered, or requested by a CCS physician and which are approved within the scope of the benefits provided by the CCS Program.

Mental Disorder

Abnormal functioning of the mind manifested by difficulty or disorganization of thinking, inappropriate emotional response and instability, difficulty in expression and communication, and lack of self-control resulting in abnormal behavior or severe problems in relationships with other people.

Monitoring

The use of equipment to observe and record physiological signs such as pulse, respiration and blood pressure.

Normal

The usual state, amount, or degree.

Physical

Pertaining to the body.

Primitive Reflexes

Those movements, including the sucking, palmar grasp, Moro, crossed extension, or automatic walking reflexes present in an infant beyond an age in which they disappear in 97 percent of all infants.

Rehabilitation Services

Those activities designed for the restoration of physical function after illness, injury, or surgery involving the neuromuscular or skeletal systems.

Sliding Fee Scale

A scale determined by the Department, which is based on family size and family income and shall be adjusted by the Department to reflect changes in the federal poverty level.