

California Children's Services (CCS)

What you need to know

Overview: California Children's Services (CCS) is a program operating under the State Department of Health Care Services in conjunction with local county health systems that provides healthcare coverage for infants and children up to 21 years of age, including medical treatment for their specific condition and prescription drug coverage relating to that condition (such as clotting factor). CCS covers many chronic conditions, including hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, sickle cell disease, and others.

Details: CCS provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services for children under age 21 who have CCS-eligible medical conditions.¹ CCS is administered as a partnership between county health departments and California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Currently, approximately 70 percent of CCS-eligible children are Medi-Cal eligible. Medi-Cal reimburses for this care. The cost of care for the other 30 percent of children is split equally between CCS Only and CCS Healthy Families. CCS requires prior authorization for health care services related to a CCS child's eligible medical condition.

CCS Eligibility:

A child may qualify for CCS if he or she:

1. is under 21 years old
2. has a health condition that is covered by CCS
3. is a California resident
4. and has one of the following:
 - annual family income less than \$40,000
 - out of pocket medical expenses greater than 20 percent annual household adjusted gross income
 - need for an evaluation to find out if a health problem is covered by CCS
 - adopted with a known health problem that is covered by CCS
 - has a need for the Medical Therapy Program
 - is on Medi-Cal with full benefits

How to Apply

- complete the [English CCS Application](#) or [Spanish CCS Application](#) and return it to your [county CCS office](#)
- supply CCS all of the information requested so CCS can determine if your family qualifies
- [apply to Medi-Cal](#) if requested by CCS
- for further information visit: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/default.aspx> and click on "How to Apply"

Contact a CCS Program

To find out more about California Children's Services (CCS) services or the application process, please contact your county CCS office at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx> Or at:

CCS State office:

Phone: (916) 327-3100

Mailing Address: MS 8100, P.O. Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

¹. For a full listing of CCS-eligible conditions visit <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/medicaleligibility.aspx>