

INFORMATION ABOUT CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)

What is California Children's Services?

CCS is a statewide program that treats children with certain physical limitations and chronic health conditions or diseases. CCS can authorize and pay for specific medical services and equipment provided by CCS-approved specialists. The California Department of Health Services manages the CCS program. Larger counties operate their own CCS programs, while smaller counties share the operation of their program with state CCS regional offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The program is funded with state, county, and federal tax monies, along with some fees paid by parents.

What does CCS offer children?

If you or your child's doctor think that your child might have a CCS-eligible medical condition, CCS may pay for or provide a medical evaluation to find out if your child's condition is covered.

If your child is eligible, CCS may pay for or provide:

- Treatment, such as doctor services, hospital and surgical care, physical therapy and occupational therapy, laboratory tests, X-rays, orthopedic appliances and medical equipment.
- Medical case management to help get special doctors and care for your child when medically necessary, and referral to other agencies, including public health nursing and regional centers; or a
- Medical Therapy Program (MTP), which can provide physical therapy and/or occupational therapy in public schools for children who are medically eligible.

Who qualifies for CCS?

The program is open to anyone who:

- is under 21 years old;
- has or may have a medical condition that is covered by CCS;
- is a resident of California; and
- has a family income of less than \$40,000 as reported on the adjusted gross income on the state tax form **or** whose out-of-pocket medical expenses for a child who qualifies are **expected** to be more than 20 percent of family income; or the child has Healthy Families coverage.

Family income is not a factor for children who:

- need diagnostic services to confirm a CCS eligible medical condition; or
- were adopted with a known CCS eligible medical condition; or
- are applying only for services through the Medical Therapy Program; or
- have Medi-Cal full scope, no share of cost; or
- have Healthy Families coverage.

What medical conditions does CCS cover?

Only certain conditions are covered by CCS. In general, CCS covers medical conditions that are physically disabling or require medical, surgical, or rehabilitative services. There also may be certain criteria that determine if your child's medical condition is eligible. Listed below are categories of medical conditions that may be covered and **some examples** of each:

- Conditions involving the heart (congenital heart disease)
- Neoplasms (cancers, tumors)
- Disorders of the blood (hemophilia, sickle cell anemia)
- Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases (thyroid problems, PKU, diabetes)
- Disorders of the genito-urinary system (serious chronic kidney problems)
- Disorders of the gastrointestinal system (chronic inflammatory disease, diseases of the liver)
- Serious birth defects (cleft lip/palate, spina bifida)
- Disorders of the sense organs (hearing loss, glaucoma, cataracts)
- Disorders of the nervous system (cerebral palsy, uncontrolled seizures)
- Disorders of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissues (rheumatoid arthritis, muscular dystrophy)
- Severe disorders of the immune system (HIV infection)
- Disabling conditions or poisonings requiring intensive care or rehabilitation (severe head, brain, or spinal cord injuries, severe burns)
- Complications of premature birth requiring an intensive level of care

- Disorders of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (severe hemangioma)
- Medically handicapping malocclusion (severely crooked teeth)

Ask your county CCS office if you have questions.

What must the applicant or family do to qualify?

Families (or the applicant if age 18 or older, or an emancipated minor) must:

- complete the application form on page 3 and return it to their county CCS office;
- give CCS all of the information requested so CCS can determine if the family qualifies;
- apply to Medi-Cal if CCS believes that a family's income qualifies them for the Medi-Cal program. (If a family qualifies for Medi-Cal, the child is also covered by CCS. CCS approves the services; payment is made through Medi-Cal.)

How is my privacy protected?

California law requires that families applying for services be given information on how CCS protects their privacy.¹

To protect your privacy:

- CCS must keep this information confidential.²
- CCS may share information on the form with authorized staff from other health and welfare programs **only** when you have signed a consent form.

You have the right to see your application and CCS records concerning you or your child. If you wish to see these records contact your county CCS office. By law, the information you give CCS is kept by the program.³

Do I have a right to appeal a decision?

You have the right to disagree with decisions made by CCS.⁴ This is called an appeal. The appeal process gives the parent/legal guardian or applicant a way to work with the CCS program to find solutions to disagreements. For information on the appeal process, contact your county CCS office.

Where can I get more information about CCS?

For more information, or help in filling out this application, please contact your county CCS office. Their phone number is usually listed in the government section of your local telephone directory. Look under California Children's Services or county Health Department.

Notes

1 Civil Code, Section 1798.17

2 In accordance with Section 41670, Title 22, California Code of Regulations and the California Public Records Act (Government Code, Sections 6250–6255)

3 Section 123800 et. seq. of the California Health and Safety Code

4 California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Chapter 13, Sections 42702–42703

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE CCS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

This application is to be completed by the parent, legal guardian, or applicant (if age 18 or older, or an emancipated minor) in order to determine if the applicant is eligible for CCS services/benefits. The term **“applicant”** means the child, individual age 18 or older, or emancipated minor for whom the services are being requested. For instructions on completing this form, please see page 4. Please type or print clearly.

A. Applicant Information

1. Name of applicant (last) (first) (middle)		Name on birth certificate (if different)		Any other name the applicant is known by	
2. Date of birth (month, day, year)		3. Place of birth—county and state		Country, if born outside the U.S.	
4. Applicant's residence address (number, street) (do not use a P.O. box)			City	County	ZIP code
5. Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		6. Race/ Ethnicity		7. Social security number (optional)	
8. What is the applicant's suspected eligible CCS condition or disability?					
9. Name of applicant's physician				10. Physician's phone number ()	

B. Parent/Legal Guardian Information (Applicants age 18 or older, or emancipated minors skip items 11 and 13.)

11. Name(s) of parent or legal guardian		12. Mother's first name (if not identified in 11)		Maiden name	
13. Residence address (number, street) (do not use a P.O. box)		City	County	ZIP code	
14. Mailing address (if different from 13)			City	ZIP code	
15. Day phone number ()	16. Evening phone number ()	17. Message phone number ()		18. What language do you speak at home?	

C. Health Insurance Information

19. Does the applicant have Medi-Cal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, what is the applicant's Medi-Cal number?		Is there a share-of-cost? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, what amount do you pay per month? \$	
20. Is the applicant enrolled in the Healthy Families program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, what is the name of the plan?					
21. Does the applicant have other health insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, what is the name of the insurance plan or company?					
Type of insurance plan or company <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Provider (PPO) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____							
22. Does the applicant have dental insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				23. Does the applicant have vision insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

D. Certification (Initial and sign below. Your signature authorizes the CCS program to proceed with this application.)

___ I am applying to the CCS program in order to determine eligibility for services/benefits. I understand that the completion of this application does not assure acceptance of the applicant by the CCS program.

___ I give my permission to verify my residence, health information, or other circumstances required to determine eligibility for CCS services/benefits.

___ I certify that I have read and understand the information or have had it read to me.

___ I also certify that the information I have given on this form is true and correct.

Signature of person completing the application		Relationship to the applicant	Date
Signature of witness (only if the person signed with a mark)			Date

Mail this form to your county CCS office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES APPLICATION FORM (DHS 4480)

Please print clearly so your application can be processed as quickly as possible.

Please fill out each section completely. If you do not provide all the information, CCS will not be able to proceed with your application. If you need help filling out this form, please contact your county CCS office.

Once the application is completed, mail it to your county CCS office (see page 6). Remember to sign and date the form.

Section A: Applicant Information ("Applicant" means the child, individual age 18 or older, or emancipated minor for whom the services are being requested.)

1. **Applicant's name:** Fill in the applicant's last, first, and middle name. In the next box, write the applicant's full name as it appears on his/her birth certificate if different from his/her name. If the applicant is known by any other name, please include that name in the last box.
2. **Applicant's date of birth:** Write the month, day, and year of the applicant's birth.
3. **Place of birth:** Write the county and state where applicant was born. Include the country if the applicant was born outside the U.S.
4. **Address:** Write the street number, street name, apartment number, city, county, and ZIP code of the applicant's current residence in this space. Please do not use a P.O. box.
5. **Applicant's gender:** Place a checkmark or an X in the correct gender box (male or female).
6. **Race/Ethnicity:** Please enter the category from the following list which best describes the applicant's primary race/ethnicity:
 - Alaskan Native
 - Amerasian
 - American Indian
 - Asian
 - Asian Indian
 - Black/African American
 - Cambodian
 - Chinese
 - Filipino
 - Guamanian
 - Hawaiian
 - Hispanic/Latino
 - Japanese
 - Korean
 - Laotian
 - Samoan
 - Vietnamese
 - White
 - Other
7. **Applicant's social security number (optional):** Please write the applicant's nine-digit social security number.
8. **Suspected CCS condition or disability:** Write down the applicant's disability or special health care need that would be treated by CCS. The enclosed description of CCS eligible conditions may help you (see "What medical conditions does CCS cover" on page 1). If you don't know, ask the applicant's doctor or leave the space blank. CCS will follow up with the applicant's physician if more information is needed.
9. **Name of applicant's physician:** Write the name of the applicant's physician.
10. **Physician's phone number:** Write the phone number for the physician listed in number 9.

Section B: Parent/Legal Guardian Information (Applicants age 18 or older, or emancipated minors skip items 11 and 13.)

11. **Parent/guardian name(s):** Write the name(s) of the applicant's parent(s) or the name(s) of the applicant's legal guardian(s).
12. **Mother's first name and maiden name:** Write the applicant's mother's first name and maiden name.
13. **Address:** Write the street number, street name, apartment number, city, county, and ZIP code of your current residence. Please do not use a P.O. box.
14. **Mailing address:** If this address is different from number 13, please write the street number, street name, city, and ZIP code.
15. **Daytime phone number:** Please write the phone number where you can be reached during the day.
16. **Evening phone number:** Please write the phone number where you can be reached during the evening.
17. **Message phone number:** Please write your message phone number if applicable.
18. **Language(s) spoken:** Write down the language you speak at home.

Section C: Health Insurance Information

If CCS thinks you may qualify, they will ask you to apply for Medi-Cal if you are not currently receiving Medi-Cal health care benefits.

19. If the applicant does not receive Medi-Cal, check “No” and go to number 20. If the applicant receives Medi-Cal, check “Yes” and fill in the applicant’s Medi-Cal number. If you pay a portion of the cost of your Medi-Cal insurance, check “Yes” and fill in the amount of your shared cost. If you don’t, check “No” and go to number 20.
20. If the applicant receives health insurance from the Healthy Families program please check “Yes” and fill in the name of the plan. If the applicant does not, check “No.” Healthy Families is a special health insurance program for moderate to low income families. If you think you might qualify, you can ask your county CCS program about how to apply for the Healthy Families program.
21. If the applicant does not have other health insurance, check “No” and go to number 22. If the applicant has health insurance, check “Yes” and fill in the name of the insurance plan or company. Then check the appropriate box depending upon what type of insurance it is. Your insurance forms will tell you what type of health insurance you have. If you are not sure, you can call your health insurance company and ask them.
22. If the applicant has dental insurance, check “Yes.” If the applicant does not have dental insurance, check “No.”
23. If the applicant has vision insurance, check “Yes.” If the applicant does not have vision insurance, check “No.”

Section D: Certification

Be sure to sign and date in ink. If signature is signed with a mark, please have a witness sign his or her signature and fill in the date.

Under “Relationship to the applicant,” enter father, mother, legal guardian, or self (in the case of individuals age 18 or older, or emancipated minors).

Submitting Your Application

Mail or deliver your application to your county CCS office. To find your county CCS office, go to www.dhs.ca.gov/ccs or look in the government section of your local telephone directory under California Children’s Services or county health department.