
California Children's Services (CCS) Program Medical Therapy Program

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This section explains the eligibility requirements applicants must meet to participate in the California Children's Services (CCS) Medical Therapy Program (MTP).

Program Description

The MTP is a component of the CCS program. Operating from medical therapy units (MTU) located in public schools, the MTP provides medically necessary outpatient physical therapy and/or occupational therapy and may include physician consultation in the Medical Therapy Conference (MTC) for children with specific eligible medical conditions described in this section.

Clients who are eligible for MTP only, and not for the general CCS program, are provided only medically necessary physical therapy and/or occupational therapy, and may include physician consultations in the MTC in a medical therapy unit.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet age, residence and medical eligibility requirements to participate in the MTP, as follows.

Age

Applicants may be eligible for the MTP from birth up to 21 years of age.

Residence

Applicants must currently reside in the state of California and/or be enrolled in a state of California public school.

Income

There is no financial eligibility requirement for the MTP.

Medical

Applicants must meet the medical eligibility criteria detailed in this section.

MTP Medical Eligibility Criteria

CCS applicants with at least one of the following conditions are medically eligible for participation in MTP.

- 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:
 - Rigidity or spasticity
 - Hypotonia, with normal or increased deep tendon reflexes, and exaggeration of or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond the normal age range
 - Involuntary movements that are described as athetoid, choreoid or dystonic
 - Ataxia manifested by incoordination of voluntary movement, dysdiadochokinesia, intention tremor, reeling or shaking of trunk and head, staggering or stumbling, and broad-based gait
 - Neuromuscular conditions that produce muscle weakness and atrophy, such as poliomyelitis, myasthenias and muscular dystrophies
 - Chronic musculoskeletal and connective tissue diseases or deformities such as osteogenesis imperfecta, arthrogyrosis, rheumatoid arthritis, amputations and contractures resulting from burns
 - Other conditions manifesting the findings listed above such as ataxias, degenerative neurological disease or other intracranial processes

CCS applicants 3 years of age or younger are eligible when two or more of the following neurological findings are present:

- Exaggerations of or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond the normal age (corrected for prematurity)
- Increased Deep Tendon Reflexes (DTRs) that are 3+ or greater
- Abnormal posturing as characterized by the arms, legs, head, or trunk turned or twisted into an abnormal position
- Hypotonicity, with normal or increased DTRs, in infants below one year of age (infants above one year must meet the cerebral palsy criteria described above)
- Asymmetry of motor findings of trunk or extremities

MTP Referral

The process for referring applicants to MTP follows the same guidelines as general CCS program referrals. Please see the *California Children's Services (CCS) Program Referrals* section in this manual for further information.

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