CCS has a Medical Therapy Program which provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, and specialist physician oversight to children under 21 years, with diagnosed neuromuscular conditions (e.g. cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy) or chronic severe orthopedic conditions (e.g. arthrogryposis, osteogenesis imperfecta, rheumatoid arthritis).

The mission of MTP is to assist children to reach their highest level of independence in activities of daily living, functional mobility and quality of life.

What is the MTP referral criteria?

Anyone can refer, however there must be documentation from a CCS paneled physician stating the child’s physical findings establishing an MTP medically eligible condition.

How do we apply?

You can get an application from the El Dorado County CCS office or download from:

www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs

Fill out your application completely and return it to the El Dorado County CCS office.

Can a child apply for CCS?

If your child is 18 or older, or an emancipated minor, they can apply on their own.

What if I need more information about CCS?

For more information, or help in filling out an application, contact the El Dorado County CCS office:

Placerville: (530) 621-6128
South Lake Tahoe: (530) 573-3157
What is California Children’s Services (CCS)?

CCS is a state program that helps children with certain diseases, physical limitations, or chronic health conditions.

How can my child receive CCS services?

Anyone can refer a child to CCS. Ask your child’s doctor if your child may have any of the medical conditions listed. If so, either you or the doctor can refer your child to CCS. If eligible, CCS can authorize services like:

- Doctor visits
- Hospital stays
- Surgery
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Lab tests and X-rays
- Orthopedic appliances/medical equipment

What else can CCS do for your child?

CCS can manage your child’s medical care and assist you in getting the specialized doctors and care your child needs.

Sometimes, CCS refers you to other agencies, like public health nursing and regional centers, so you can get the services your child needs.

CCS Program Requirements

To get CCS, your child must:

- Be under 21 years old; and
- Have or may have a medical condition that CCS covers; and
- Be a resident of California; and
- Have a family income under $40,000 (your adjusted gross income on the state tax form).

What if my family’s income is more than $40,000?

You can still get CCS if:

- You have Medi-Cal (full scope, no cost);  
- Your out-of-pocket medical expenses for your child’s care is more than 20% of your family income;  
- You only want therapy services;  
- You need to see a doctor to see if your child is eligible for CCS; or
- You adopted your child with a known medical condition that made them eligible for CCS.

What medical conditions does CCS cover?

CCS doesn’t cover all conditions. CCS covers most conditions that are physically disabling or that need treatment with medicines, surgery, or rehabilitation.

CCS covers children with conditions such as:

- Congenital heart disease
- Cancers/tumors
- Hemophilia, sickle cell anemia
- Thyroid conditions, diabetes
- Serious chronic kidney conditions
- Liver or intestinal diseases
- Cleft lip/palate, spina bifida
- Cerebral palsy, uncontrolled seizures
- Hearing loss
- Cataracts
- Rheumatoid arthritis, muscular dystrophy
- HIV
- Severe head, brain, or spinal cord injuries
- Severe burns/fractures
- Premature birth complications

Can we use any doctor or provider we want?

No. Providers must be CCS paneled and the CCS program must approve services and equipment first.