What medical problems does CCS cover?
CCS does not cover all medical problems, although CCS covers most problems that are physically disabling or that need to be treated with medicines, surgery or rehabilitation.

CCS covers children with problems like:
- congenital heart disease
- cancers, tumors
- hemophilia, sickle cell anemia
- diabetes, thyroid problems
- serious chronic kidney problems
- liver or intestine diseases
- cleft lip/palate
- spina bifida
- hearing loss
- cataracts
- cerebral palsy
- uncontrolled seizures
- rheumatoid arthritis
- muscular dystrophy
- AIDS
- severe head, brain or spinal cord injuries; certain fractures
- severe burns
- problems caused by premature birth
- severely crooked teeth

If you have more questions about whether your child has a CCS eligible condition, please contact us at 916-875-9900.

What else can CCS do for our child?
CCS also has a Medical Therapy Program (MTP). MTPs are in public schools and give physical and occupational therapy services to eligible children.

CCS has Registered Nurses to help coordinate your child's medical care. This means CCS can help you get the special doctors and care your child needs.

Sometimes, you might need to be referred to other agencies like the public health department for nursing, or regional centers and school districts so your child can get developmental and educational services that he or she might need. Sacramento County CCS has a social worker on staff who can help you understand how to get services from other agencies.

CCS knows that having a child with special health care needs can be difficult. We have a “parent liaison” who, as the parent of a child with special health care needs, has “been there” and who can help you through some of the challenges that you are facing. She can help you find services and supports for your child and your family.

California Children’s Services
(CCS)

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What is California Children’s Services (CCS)?
CCS is a state program that helps pay for services or equipment for children with certain diseases, physical limitations, or chronic health problems.

Can our child get CCS?
If you or your child’s doctor think that your child has a medical problem that CCS covers, CCS can pay for an examination to see if your child qualifies for CCS services.

If CCS covers your child’s problem, it can pay for or provide services like:
- Doctor visits
- Hospital stays
- Surgery
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Lab tests and X-rays
- Prescription medications
- Orthopedic and medical equipment.

What are the requirements to get help from CCS?
To get help from CCS, your child must:
- Be under 21 years old,
- Have a medical problem that CCS covers,
- Be a resident of California,
- You must have a family income under $40,000.

What if my family’s income is more than $40,000?
Your child can still get CCS if:
- Your child has full scope no share-of-cost Medi-Cal,
- Your child has Healthy Families insurance coverage,
- Your expenses for your child’s medical care are expected to be more than 20% of the family’s income,
- You only want Medical Therapy Program services and your child meets Medical Therapy program criteria,
- You adopted a child with a known medical problem that qualifies him or her for CCS.

How do we apply?
If your child is hospitalized, ask the hospital social worker to make a referral to CCS.
If your child is not in the hospital, fill out a CCS application and return it to the Sacramento County CCS office.
You can get an application from the CCS office or download it from: www.dhs.ca.gov/ccs or call us at (916) 875-9900.

Fill out the application carefully so CCS will have all the information needed to help you qualify.

Can my child apply for CCS?
If your child is 18 years old or older, or an emancipated minor, he or she can apply.

What if I need more information about CCS?
For more information, or help filling out the application, contact the Sacramento County CCS office at 916-875-9900.

Can we use any doctor or provider we want?
No. In order to provide your child with the best care, CCS has “paneled providers,” which means the individual has had advanced education, specialty training, and/or experience which meets CCS requirements. An “approved hospital” means a facility has met CCS program requirements. CCS must pre-approve the provider, services and equipment to ensure they meet CCS standards and they will accept CCS payment.