

## California Children's Services

### **Education Code Section 60325.** *Individualized Education Program for Therapy Services*

(a) *CCS shall provide a copy of the assessment and evaluation report and the proposed therapy plan to the IEP team which shall include:*

*(1) A statement of the pupil's present level of functional performance;*

*(2) The proposed functional goals to achieve a measurable change in function or recommendations for services to prevent loss of present function and documentation of progress to date;*

*(3) The specific related services required by the pupil, including the type of physical therapy or occupational therapy intervention, treatment, consultation, or monitoring;*

*(4) The proposed initiation, frequency, and duration of the services to be provided by the medical therapy program; and*

*(5) The proposed date of medical evaluation.*

*(b) CCS shall participate in the IEP team as set forth in Government Code Section 7572(e).*

*(c) CCS shall notify the IEP team and parent in writing within 5 days of a decision to increase, decrease, change the type of intervention, or discontinue services for a pupil receiving medical therapy services. If the parent is present at time the decision is made, he or she will also be verbally informed of the decision.*

*(d) The IEP team shall be convened by the LEA pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or when there is an annual or triennial review or a review requested by the parent or other authorized persons.*

*(e) The LEA shall convene the IEP team to review all assessments, request additional assessments if needed, determine whether fine or gross motor or physical needs exist, and consider designated instruction and services or related services that are necessary to enable the pupil to benefit from the special education program.*

*(f) When the IEP team determines that occupational therapy or physical therapy services are necessary for the pupil to benefit from the special education program, goals and objectives relating to the activities identified in the assessment reports shall be written into the IEP and provided by personnel qualified pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 3051.6.*

California Children's Services (CCS) is a statewide program that treats children with certain physical limitations and chronic health diseases. CCS can authorize and pay for specific medical services and equipment provided by CCS specialists. The California Department of Health Services manages the CCS program. Funding comes from state, county and federal agencies along with some parental fees.

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

An eligible child may be recipient of:

- Treatment, such as doctor services, hospital and surgical care, physical and occupational therapy among other services and supports.
- Medical case management to help get special doctors and care for the child when medically necessary.

- Medical Therapy Program, which can provide physical therapy and/or occupational therapy in public schools for children who are medically eligible.

CCS 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
- Meets income eligibility requirements (though there are exceptions to the income requirement)
- Child has Healthy Families coverage

Medical conditions that may be covered include, but aren't limited to:

- Conditions involving the heart (congenital heart disease)
- Neoplasm (cancers, tumors)
- Disorders of the blood (hemophilia, sickle cell anemia)
- Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
- Disorders of the genito-urinary system
- Disorders of the gastrointestinal system
- Serious birth defects (spina bifida, cleft lip/palate)
- Disorders of the nervous system (cerebral palsy, uncontrolled seizure)
- Disorders of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissues (rheumatoid arthritis, muscular dystrophy)

What a family must do for their child to qualify for CCS

- Complete an application form and return it to the local CCS office. Phone or fax is permissible. The phone number is (661) 868-0372 and the fax number is (661) 868-0268.
- If CCS believes that a family's income qualifies them for the Medi-Cal program they may be asked to apply for those benefits.
- The application form can be found at: [www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/ccs](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/ccs).

The Kern County Consortium SELPA is actively involved in the *Kern County CCS MTU Long-Range Planning Workgroup*. The workgroup meets several times per year to review CCS MTU services in Kern County, to plan service delivery, and to review facility needs. The workgroup is a collaborative of administrative and supervisorial staff from Bakersfield City School District SELPA, Kern County Consortium SELPA, Kern High School District SELPA, Sierra Sands SELPA, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, California Children's Services, and the Kern County Department of Public Health Services.

There are currently three California Children's Services Medical Therapy Units (MTU) located in Kern County:

- Delano MTU – 1959 Princeton Street, Delano, CA 93215. Serves Kern County Consortium SELPA students located in northern Kern County.  
Phone (661) 725-6452  
Facsimile (661) 725-6170
- McKinley MTU, 601 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304. Serves Bakersfield City School District SELPA students along with any CCS students located in KCSOS classes on the McKinley campus.

Phone (661) 868-7270

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- 34<sup>th</sup> Street MTU, 720 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Serves Kern County Consortium SELPA, Kern High School District SELPA, and Sierra Sands SELPA students.

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