Overview: California Children's Services (CCS) Program

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What CCS Is: Its Functions

- **Serves 4 major functions for the children of California**

1. Case Management

2. Case Finding/Diagnostic Services

3. Rehabilitative Services in the Medical Therapy Program

4. Quality Assurance/Standards for Regionalized Specialty Care

Legislative History: How CCS Came To Be

- **1927**: California Crippled Children's Act

- **1935**: Title V of the Social Security Act

- **1965**: Title XIX Amendment to the Social Security Act

- **1967:** CCR Title 22/Section 51013

- **1978**: Robert W. Crown California Children's Services Act

Legislative History: How CCS Became Linked to Medi-Cal Managed Care:

- **1980s-1990s**: Federal Medicaid Waiver

- **1993:** California Strategic Plan for the Expansion of Medicaid

- **1993 through 2015**: Legislative Modifications Affecting CCS
  1. AB 616: Use of CCS Standards
  2. SB 1371: CCS Carve Out Established
  3. AB 187: Extension of the CCS Carve Out

Legislative History: How the CCS Pilots Came to Be:

- **2010**: Bridges to Reform Demonstration Project
    - ›Section 1115 Waiver to Title XIX Amendment to the SSA
    - ›Granted to pilot projects aimed at lowering Medi-Cal costs by focusing on 4 principal patient groups served by Medi-Cal
    - ›One of the groups was Children With Special Health Care Needs
    - ›One of the programs that served them was CCS

- **Current Pilots**
1. San Mateo County: implemented in April 2013
2. San Diego County: in process

Eligibility for CCS: Differs Depending On the Service

- **Case Management:**
    1. Age: birth to 21 years
    2. Residence: in a California County
    3. Qualifying medical condition*
    4. Financial threshold: full scope Medi-Cal beneficiary, adopted with a qualifying condition, AGI <$40K or ≥20% AGI spent on the CCS condition

- **Case Finding/Diagnostic Services:**
    1. Age: birth to 21 years
    2. Residence: in a California County
    3. Identified through a screening program/high likelihood
    4. No financial component

Eligibility for CCS: Differs Depending On the Service

- **Medical Therapy Program**
    1. Age: birth to 21 years
    2. Residence: in a California County
    3. Qualifying physically debilitating condition*
    4. No financial component

- **CCS Special Care Centers & Approved Facilities/Paneled Providers**
    1. Specifically authorized for CCS patients
    2. Available for any child cared for in a CCS approved facility

Eligibility for CCS: Regarding Medical Eligibility

- **Condition Specific**

- **Established by the California Code of Regulations**:
    › Title 22, Division 2, Part 2, Subdivision 7, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 41515-41518.9 of the CA Health and Safety Code;
    › Revised July 2000

- **Care coordination and case management of the whole child**

How CCS Ensures Quality of Care & Delivers Services

- **Specialized Case Management**
    1. In the general program
    2. In the medical therapy program

- **Provider Paneling**

- **Facility and Center Approvals**

- **Utilization Review of the Medical Therapy Units**

CCS By The Numbers: The Patients

- **Children Served in California:**

  1. 180,000 to 185,000: in the general program

  2. ~23,000: in the medical therapy program

  3. Unlimited # of children: at any CCS approved facility

     -Includes: 13 Children's Hospitals; 120 NICUs; 780 Special Care Centers

- **Insurance Coverage:**

  1. 80%: Medi-Cal: full coverage

  2. 20%: "Straight CCS": includes children with

     - No insurance

     - Partial Medi-Cal coverage

     - Private insurance

CCS By The Numbers: The Program

- **Funding Sources:**

General Program:		Medical Therapy Program	
›Federal:	~45%	›State:	50%
›State:	~45%	›County:	50%
›County:	~10%		

- **Annual Expenditure Estimates:**

General Program:	~$2 billion
Medical Therapy Program:	~$125 million

- **Medical Loss Ratio:** 92%: direct patient care

    8%:   administrative overhead

Thank You

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