
California Children's Services (CCS) Program Approved Hospitals

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This section describes the various types of approved California Children's Services (CCS) hospitals and how a hospital can obtain CCS approval.

Hospitals Approved for CCS

The CCS program assigns various types of approval levels to hospitals, based on CCS standards and requirements. These approval levels are as follows.

Tertiary Hospital

A CCS-approved tertiary hospital is a referral hospital, providing comprehensive, multidisciplinary, regionalized pediatric care to children from birth up to 21 years of age. The length of stay in a tertiary hospital may exceed 21 days. This approval covers teaching hospitals, children's and university hospitals, and their major affiliates with approved residency programs in pediatrics and all other major specialties.

Pediatric Community Hospital

A CCS-approved pediatric community hospital is a community-based hospital with licensed pediatric beds, providing services for children from birth up to 21 years of age. The length of stay in an approved pediatric community hospital shall not exceed 21 days, except in the case of care provided in a CCS-approved community or intermediate level Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

General Community Hospital

A CCS-approved general community hospital is a community-based hospital without licensed pediatric beds in which care may be provided only for adolescents 14 years of age up to 21 years of age. The length of stay in an approved general community hospital shall not exceed 21 days, except in the case of care provided in a CCS-approved community or intermediate Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Special Hospital

A CCS-approved special hospital is licensed as an acute care hospital and meets one of the following requirements:

- Provides licensed perinatal unit/service and intensive care newborn nursery (ICNN) service, and meets the CCS NICU standards as a community NICU or intermediate NICU
- Is licensed under special permit for rehabilitation services and meets CCS standards as a rehabilitation facility
- Provides services in a specialized area of medical care and acts as a regional referral center for that specialized type of care (for example, eye surgery, ear surgery, or burn center)

Limited Hospital

Limited hospitals are located in rural areas where no community or tertiary inpatient hospital services are available. These hospitals, which do not have licensed pediatric beds, are capable of providing limited services to children and adolescents for acute short-term conditions for which the expected length of stay does not exceed five days.

Applying for CCS Approval

Applications for becoming a CCS-approved hospital may be obtained from the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branch at the following address:

Children's Medical Services Branch

Provider Services Unit

MSC 8100

P.O. Box 997413

Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Providers may also call one of the following telephone numbers:

(916) 322-8702

1-800-PSU-KIDS (1-800-778-5437)

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