

Fact Sheet

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Redesigning CCS: Some Key Components

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ELIGIBILITY

- Based on outpatient health status.
- Initial eligibility determined by standardized screening process.
- Final eligibility determination based on assessment of health care needs; value added by inclusion in program; and capacity of family to access, obtain and benefit from standard service package.
- Create a statewide registry of children with special health care needs.

CARE PLANNING

- All eligible children receive a structured, standardized comprehensive assessment of health and family-risk.
- All eligible children receive an individualized shared-care plan, initial referrals, and guarantee of a medical home.

MEDICAL HOMES

- Certified complex care clinics, special care centers, and community primary care practices that qualify may serve as medical homes.
- Medical home designation is accompanied by financial incentives tied to capacity to provide organizations essential services and quality of care.
- Medical homes responsible for annual reassessment and updating shared-care plan.

CARE COORDINATION

- All individual practices and clinics serving eligible children have a designated staff to assist with referral and follow-up.
- Tiered care coordination services should be available and reimbursed appropriately.
 - Level I: Assistance with referral and follow-up.
 - Level II: Medical care management and occasional help with navigation and care coordination.
 - Level III: Intensive care coordination within the health care system and with other services.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- The state’s program for children with special health care needs certifies and monitors special care centers for quality of care. Medi-Cal is responsible for assuring the quality of care in other practices.
- Centers, clinics, and practices should receive technical assistance to continuously improve the quality of care.
- Payment should be aligned with quality.
- Data on quality—including data on patient/family experience, utilization, care process and outcomes, and cost—are regularly collected, analyzed, and made public.

FAMILY-CENTERED CARE

- Families should be enabled to regularly and effectively participate in advising on programs and policies that affect their children’s health care.
- All providers serving children with special health care needs should have ready access to a reliable source of information on community services that can assist and support families.
- State health care and developmental disability programs should fund family-to-family support services.
- Payment policies should include coverage of support services and the use of technology that facilitate access to health care advice and services.

POPULATION HEALTH

- State health care financing programs are jointly responsible for improving the health of the enrolled population by:
 - Using registries to monitor utilization and receipt of preventive care.
 - Adopting standard protocols for preventive care.
 - Regularly assessing patient experience.
 - Screening for social factors affecting health and receipt of health care.
 - Collaborating with other state and community departments and agencies.

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