California Children’s Services, Medical Therapy Program (CCS MTP)

Child with an abnormal neurological examination or with delays in motor skills

Are delays in domains other than motor skills? (see box 1)

Yes or No

Does the child meet eligibility by CCS definition of cerebral palsy? (see box 2)

Yes

Refer to CCS MTP and provide diagnosis, describe findings, prescribe OT and PT evaluation and treatment

No

Does the child have other eligibility criteria? (see box 3)

Yes

Refer to CCS MTP and provide diagnosis, describe findings, prescribe OT and PT evaluation and treatment

No

Is the child less than 3 years?

Yes

Refer to CCS MTP

No

Does the child at risk for cerebral palsy have neurological findings? (see box 4)

Yes

Refer to CCS MTP

No

Refer to private therapy or special education or monitor

Domains:
- cognitive
- expressive communication
- receptive communication
- social or emotional
- adaptive

CCS definition of cerebral palsy:
- rigidity/spasticity or hypotonia plus persistent primitive reflexes
- ataxia
- involuntary movements (athetoid, chorea, dystonia)

Other eligibility criteria:
- neuromuscular disease
- nerve injury
- deformity, amputation
- single orthopedic condition is not medically eligible

Neurological findings:
- symptoms in CCS definition or CP OR
- 2 of the following:
  - exaggeration or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond normal age
  - increased DTR
  - abnormal posture
  - asymmetry
- Age 1-3 years old:
  - hypotonicity AND exaggeration of primitive reflexes + one other sign
- Less than 1 year old:
  - hypotonicity + one other sign

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