

Northern California Regional CCS Collaborative Model for Children with Medical Complexity

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Children with Medical Complexity



“Children with medical complexity are children. They are not numbers, statistics or data points. Though numbers are essential to understanding the scope of the challenge, it is vital to remember that behind every number are children, each with a unique personality, smile, story and family.”
(Children’s Hospital Association, 2013)

Unique and Indispensable Elements of the CCS Program

- Standard Setting
- Care Coordination / Case Management
- Medical Therapy Program
- Equal Access
- Implementation of Innovative Services
 - PICUs
 - Palliative Care

Elements of the CCS Program in need of Improvement

- Family-centered care coordination for the whole child
- Administrative agility / payment flexibility
- Inter-county consistency in provider and family experience

2011 Report from Stanford Center for Policy, Outcomes & Prevention

- 10% of CCS eligible children > 1 year of age, accounted for 75% of the total healthcare expenditures in that age group
- 10% of CCS eligible children < 1 year of age accounted for 69% of expenditures in that age group

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- Protects and enhances the most valuable parts of the CCS Program *including maintenance of CCS standards*
- Addresses the CCS program's existing deficiencies
- Accepts some of the fiscal risk

Three Planning Subcommittees

- Financing Structure
- Model Design
- Communication Strategies

Care Coordination

- Two tiers based on a standardized acuity scale
- Lower-acuity tier
 - all current CCS services maintained
- Higher-acuity tier
 - comprehensive nursing assessment
 - comprehensive care plan
 - additional nursing interventions as needed

Specific Nursing Interventions



- Case conferences
- Interface with hospital-based CCS PHN
- Assistance maintaining a personal medical file
- Transition planning
- Enhanced linkages to community-based providers
- Assistance in navigating benefits (private/public)
- Collaboration with and support for Medical Home
- Referrals for Family Navigation

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Northern California Regional CCS Collaborative

Hospitals

Specialty Care Centers
and Specialists

County
CCS Programs

Therapy Services
(Medical Therapy
Program &
Community-Based
Therapy Services)

Pharmacy, Equipment,
& Supply Vendors

PCPs & FQHCs

Behavioral Health

Community Clinical
Support Services

Questions?



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