



County of San Diego

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CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES
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Dear CCS Family,

You may frequently hear the term "SAR" used by medical providers, DME providers, and/or CCS staff. A SAR, or Service Authorization Request, is an authorization from CCS to allow medical providers to bill for services related to your child's CCS-eligible condition. A SAR may be issued to a physician, hospital, outpatient department, a Special Care Center, a home health agency or a medical supply/equipment provider.

Enclosed are copies of CCS SAR(s) for your child. We have also included a sample SAR with highlighted areas and definitions to use as a guide in understanding your SAR(s).

When possible, CCS will try to authorize payment of services to your doctor or Special Care Center of your choice. It may take 1-2 weeks to receive the SAR approval letter in the mail, after your Nurse Case Manager approves it.

It is important for you to keep the SAR letter! You may need to show it to your doctor or pharmacist. Please review the sample SAR guide for services covered under a physician or Special Care Center SAR.

The authorization has an expiration date, always be sure to check the date before making a doctor's appointment.

Please contact your Nurse Case Manager by calling the CCS main number at (619) 528-4000 if you have questions regarding your child's SAR or difficulty accessing medical services.

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SAR #: 97000000000

- A. CCS authorization number for medical services.
- B. Covers, x-rays and labs in addition to doctor visits
- C. See Special Instructions

Specialist Physician

Authorized Provider: PHYSICIAN, MD
3020 CARTOON WAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

Provider Number: 222222222
Telephone: (222) 111-5555

Provider Type: PHYSICIAN

AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICES

Authorization is for services and effective dates indicated below, in accordance with CCS program policies and fee schedule. Authorization for additional services not listed below must be requested in advance. By providing these authorized services, you agree to accept payment from the CCS program as payment in full. If you have a Service Code Grouping (SCG) authorization, please check your Medi-Cal manual for services included in the SCG.

CCS CLIENT INFORMATION

Client Name: JOHN DOE
Address: 1234 TEST ST.
SAN DIEGO, CA 12345

Client Index Number: 99999999F9
Case Number: 1234567
Date Of Birth: 01/01/1001
Gender: MALE/FEMALE
Client Telephone:
Parent/Guardian Tel: (619) 001-1000

Parent/Guardian: MARY DOE
Address: 1234 TEST ST.
SAN DIEGO, CA 12345

Pediatrician or Primary Care Doctor

Medical Home: SMITH, JOHN MD
Address: 3020 DOCTORS WAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

County: SAN DIEGO
Primary Diagnosis: G80.0 CCS ELIGIBLE CONDITION (ICD10)
Secondary Diagnosis:

AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION

Effective Dates: 02/25/2022 through 02/24/2023 Dates SAR is ACTIVE

OTHER COVERAGE

CCS AUTHORIZED SERVICES

Service Code	Modifier	Service Description	Units	Quantity	Negotiated Price
01		PHYSICIAN	1		

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

MED.ELIGIBLE.

IN ORDER FOR THIS PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE SERVICES TIMELY, PLEASE SEND FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TREATMENT PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORTS AT LEAST EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR.

SAR AUTHORIZES THE NEEDED SERVICES TO TREAT OR AMELIORATE A CCS MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE CONDITION, EXCEPT THOSE RESTRICTED BY THE CCS PROGRAM

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS VALID ONLY AS LONG AS CLIENT'S MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY IS ACTIVE. IF CLIENT DOES NOT HAVE MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY ON THE DATE SERVICES ARE RENDERED, THE CLAIM WILL NOT BE PAID. TO AVOID NON-PAYMENT, YOU MUST VERIFY CLIENT'S MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY BEFORE RENDERING ANY SERVICES. AUTHORIZED SERVICES MUST BE BILLED DIRECTLY TO THE MEDI-CAL FISCAL INTERMEDIARY. PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCAL CCS OFFICE FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE.

SAR will only authorize services if
Medi-Cal is active or a CCS contract
is in place for the dates of service
requested

Issued By: CCS Worker (SAN DIEGO)

Date Authorized: 02/19/2022