

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

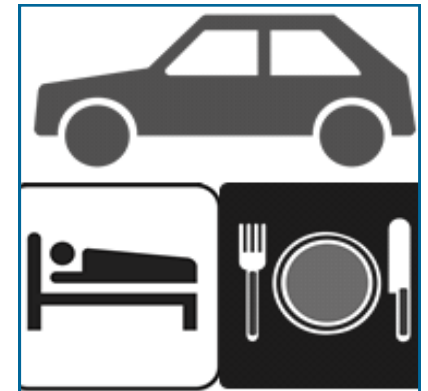
Lake County

- ⇒ To request assistance, the client, parent, and/or guardian should contact CCS at 707-263-5806 for consideration of eligibility for Maintenance and Transportation (M & T) Funds.
- ⇒ CCS Nurse will send you an authorization letter that states what you do and do not qualify for within a specified time frame. You may only submit claims for approved items. Use **Caution** however in two areas:
 - 1) CCS will **only** pay the least costly means of transportation; and
 - 2) Assistance is not intended to sustain a parent/guardian at the hospital for the CCS client's entire stay or to pay for frequent trips to visit the child while hospitalized.
- ⇒ All M & T Claim forms must be completed by requesting party, verified by a facility provider, include original or online receipts, and be submitted within **45** days of the date of appointment or hospital discharge to be processed.
- ⇒ M & T application process needs to be repeated annually at the time of your child's CCS annual renewal.



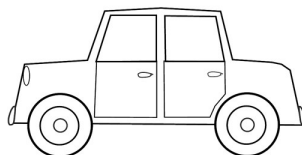
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- ⇒ The client, parent and/or guardian has the primary responsibility for providing transportation, meals and lodging when a CCS client must travel to medical appointments and/or be hospitalized out-of-county.
- ⇒ When costs present a barrier to the CCS client's access to CCS authorized care, CCS **may** be able to reimburse expenses related to CCS covered medical appointments out-of-county for your child's specialty care and/or hospital stays.
- ⇒ All travel, lodging & meals require that the appointment, hospitalization, procedure and/or labs be authorized by CCS under a SAR (Service Authorization Request).
- ⇒ Failure to comply with the requirements will result in non-payment of the claims.
- ⇒ This benefit is subject to availability of funds.

Transportation:

Available options include:

- * Mileage reimbursement rate is set at the IRS standard mileage rate for medical transportation; the rate fluctuates year to year. The rate paid will be the rate in effect on the date the travel occurred, not the rate in effect at the time the claim is submitted for payment and is reimbursed based on driving distances from home to medical care and return if appropriate, as calculated per online maps.
- * Bridge toll with original receipt or online statement.
- * Bus/Taxi/Uber/Lyft/Rail fares with original or online receipts. CCS only reimburses for the cheapest mode of transportation between two locations.
- * Parking costs with original receipts.
- * Original &/or online receipts **must** be turned into CCS with your claim form. CCS will not pay for any of the above items without original or online receipts, with the exception of the standard mileage reimbursement for gasoline.

Lodging:

- * The parent is expected to stay at the bedside when allowed by the hospital.
- * During the time that a CCS client is in ICU and/or a room where the parent is not allowed to stay at the bedside, CCS **may** pay for a few nights of lodging up to the State of California Employee Lodging Rate with original receipts.
- * There are specific time requirements so please discuss with your Nurse Case Manager.

Meals:

- * Meals reimbursement or Meal Tickets from hospital facilities are available during hospital stays or multi-day trips for parent/guardian and/or CCS client depending upon the situation.
- * Reimbursement rate is \$5/meal per authorized person up to a maximum of \$15/day per authorized person.
- * Original receipts must be submitted with claim form.
- * CCS will not reimburse for tips, incidentals, and/or alcohol.