

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

6000 SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

6100 IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL

6110 Referrals to California Children Services for OT/PT Services

Occupational and Physical Therapy services shall be provided by California Children Services, in accordance with the following referral process:

1. Initial referral should begin at the Student Study Team/Individualized Education Program Team level.
2. When the student has been identified as a possible candidate for California Children Services, the Student Study Team/IEP Team shall complete the top portion of the Physician's Form for Related Services. The physician completes the bottom portion of the form which is returned to the LEA Administrator.
3. The Physician's Referral Form for OT and/or PT is forwarded with attached medical records, CCS Application for Services form, and Release of Information form to the CCS Therapy Services Coordinator.
4. CCS will review all referrals which appear to meet CCS criteria or which are questionable and determine medical eligibility for services (see Appendix A & B). Diagnostic, treatment, and medical therapy services will be provided in accordance with standards established by the California Children Services Program.
5. Once the California Children Services (CCS) evaluation has been conducted, CCS will send a copy of the evaluation to the district Director of Special Education. If CCS determines that the pupil needs medically necessary OT and/or PT, CCS shall provide the service. If the California Children Services panel physician or the Medical Therapy Conference Team determines that there is no medical necessity for OT or PT, the IEP Team shall be provided with a written statement which delineates the basis for the determination.

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