

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
San Mateo Health Commission d/b/a Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM)  
AND  
County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family  
Health Services Division (FHS) CALIFORNIA CHILDRENS SERVICES  
(CCS) WHOLE CHILD MODEL PROGRAM**

**I. BACKGROUND**

The California Children's Services (CCS) Program provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with CCS eligible medical conditions. The CCS Program is administered as a partnership between the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), County health departments, Regional Health Authority (RHA), alternate health care service plan (AHCSP), and some County Organized Health Systems (COHS) plans. Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), Section 123800 et seq. is the enabling statute for the CCS Program. The explicit legislative intent of the CCS Program is to provide Medically Necessary services for CCS-eligible children. The statute also requires that DHCS and the County cooperate with local public or private agencies and providers of medical care to proactively identify and enroll CCS eligible children.

Senate Bill (SB) 586 (Chapter 625, Statutes of 2016) authorized DHCS to establish the Whole Child Model (WCM) for Medi-Cal eligible CCS children enrolled in a MCP that is a COHS or Regional Health Authority, within designated counties. WCM incorporates CCS covered services for certain Medi-Cal eligible CCS children into the applicable MCP Contract. Additionally, under the WCM, responsibility for the CCS case management, care coordination, provider referral, and service authorization functions move from the County to the WCM MCP. Assembly Bill (AB) 2724 (Chapter 73, Statutes of 2022) added a new section to define an AHCSP and to authorize DHCS to enter into one or more comprehensive risk contracts with an AHCSP as a primary MCP in specified geographic areas effective January 1, 2024. AB 118 (Chapter 42, Statutes of 2023) authorizes the expansion of the WCM program for Medi-Cal eligible CCS children and youth enrolled in a MCP served by a COHS, AHCSP, or RHA, into 12 additional counties no sooner than January 1, 2025.

The medical conditions covered by the CCS Program are outlined and authorized in California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 22, sections 41401 - 41518.9. These regulations are further clarified by CCS Numbered Letters (NLs).

## **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) (County) and Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM)(MCP) ("Parties", collectively) is to identify each party's responsibilities and obligations to each other in accordance with and based on H&S Code section 123800 et seq., statutory requirements related to administration of the CCS Program by local county programs, the MCP's respective contract with DHCS, and all other applicable authorities. This MOU outlines the respective roles of the County and the MCP to coordinate care, conduct administrative activities, and engage in information exchange activities required for the effective and seamless delivery of CCS services to CCS eligible Members. This MOU is a binding contractual agreement.

The County and/or DHCS will retain all administrative responsibilities of case management, care coordination, provider referral, and service authorization functions of the CCS Program as it pertains to CCS State-only Members or Members that are currently in Fee for Service Medi-Cal.

## **III. TERM**

This MOU is in effect as of the Effective Date and continues for a term of three years. MCPs must submit all fully executed MOUs to their MCOD Contract Manager for file and use. In their submissions, MCPs must attest that they did not modify any of the provisions of this MOU Template except to add provisions that do not conflict with or reduce either party's obligations under this MOU Templates. If the MCP or County modifies any of the provisions of the MOU Template, the MCP must submit a redlined version of the MOU to DHCS for review and approval, prior to execution. If the MOU is not modified, the fully executed MOU needs to be submitted to the Managed Care Operations Division contract manager for file only. The template includes language that the parties may want to add, notated in italics, to their MOUs to increase collaboration and communications; the proposed language is not exhaustive.

The Parties must review the MOU annually thereafter to determine whether any modifications, amendments, updates, or renewals of responsibilities and obligations outlined within are required. The MCP must provide evidence to DHCS of the annual review of MOU as well as copies of any MOU modified or renewed as a result. The evidence of the annual review described in the annual report must include a summary of the review process and outcomes, and any resulting amendments to the MOU or existing policies and procedures.

## **IV. CONFIDENTIALITY**

All responsibilities and information shared by the County and the MCP in the provision of services for CCS eligible Members and under this MOU, must adhere to all applicable Federal, State and/or local laws and regulations relating to confidentiality.

## **V. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY**

County and the MCP are not liable to third parties for any act or omission of the other party. Each party is solely liable for any negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of its own officers, agents, and employees occurring in the performance of this MOU. If either the County or the MCP becomes liable for damages caused by its officers, agents or employees, it must pay such damages without contribution by the other and hold harmless the other from all costs and expenses resulting from any attorney fees and court costs, claims, losses, damages, and liabilities.

## **VI. RECORDS, AUDITS & INSPECTIONS**

County and the MCP must at any time, upon reasonable notice during business hours and as necessary, make all of its records and data with respect to the matters covered by this MOU and the CCS Program available for examination by Local, State, or Federal authorities, pursuant to applicable State or Federal statute or regulation. The MCP must retain all documents demonstrating compliance with this MOU for at least ten (10) years. The MCP must post this executed MOU on its website. The counties may post this executed MOU on its website.

## **VII. SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

The table below identifies the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to providing CCS services to CCS Eligible Members, including Eligibility and Enrollment services, Case Management services, Intercounty Transfers (ICT), CCS Advisory Committees, Continuity of Care, Data and Information Sharing, Emergency Preparedness, Dispute Resolution, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) services, Quality Assurance and Monitoring, and Subcontractors. Not all CCS applicable regulations or other requirements are listed in the table below.

County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) is subcontracted with HPSM to perform the task and responsibilities of what would traditionally be required of the managed care plan in a Whole Child Model County, including but not limited to care coordination, case management, and utilization management, including the NICU eligibility criteria assessment and authorization.

<b>CCS Eligible Member Eligibility and Enrollment (Case Identification and Referral)</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>The MCP must refer a Member to the County for a CCS eligibility determination if the Member demonstrates a potential CCS condition(s) as outlined in the CCS Medical Eligibility Guide, which may be amended. The MCP must include supporting information/justification of the Member's potential CCS eligible condition in all of its CCS referrals to the County.</p> <p>MCP must provide training and orientation for its employees, Network Providers, Subcontractors, and Downstream Subcontractors who carry out responsibilities under this MOU. The training must include information on MOU requirements, what services are provided or arranged for by each Party, and the policies and procedures outlined in this MOU. The MCP must provide the training prior to any such person or entity performing responsibilities under this MOU, and at least annually thereafter.</p> <p>The MCP must require its Subcontractors and Downstream Subcontractors to provide training on relevant MOU requirements and the County's programs and services to its Network Providers.</p> <p>The MCP must provide educational materials to its Members and Network Providers related to accessing Medically Necessary Services, including materials provided by the County.</p>	<p>Independent counties are responsible for medical, financial, and residential eligibility determinations for referred CCS members, including determining initial medical eligibility determinations and redeterminations. County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) has access to HPSM medical records to make initial and annual medical eligibility determinations due to being embedded in HPSM.</p> <p>The County must inform the child (Member under age 21) and their family (or designated legal caregiver) of the CCS Program eligibility determination.</p> <p>The County must inform the child determined to be ineligible and their family (or designated legal caregiver) of the CCS Program eligibility appeal process.</p> <p>Within 90 days of the referral to the County CCS Program, the County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must inform the CCS eligible Member and their family (or designated legal caregiver) about the availability of medical care related to the CCS eligible condition.</p> <p>The County must provide notification to the MCP when the county becomes aware the member has moved out of the county.</p> <p>The County must proactively engage in a collaborative process with the MCP to remedy any issues or challenges related</p>

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<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>The MCP must provide County with training and/or educational materials on how MCP Covered Services may be accessed, including during nonbusiness hours.</p> <p>The MCP must provide notification to the County to assist with transition from MCP to CCS-State Only if needed.</p> <p>The MCP must notify the County when the MCP becomes aware that a CCS eligible Member has lost Medi-Cal eligibility.</p> <p>The MCP must proactively engage in a collaborative process with the County to remedy any issues or challenges related to timeliness or completeness of records for the medical eligibility redetermination process. County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) has access to and is embedded within HPSM to retrieve medical records in the MCP system</p>	<p>to timeliness or completeness of records for the medical eligibility redetermination process. County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) has access to and is embedded within HPSM to retrieve medical records in the MCP system.</p> <p>The County must notify the MCP when the County becomes aware that a CCS Eligible Member has lost Medi-Cal eligibility.</p>

<b>Case Management (Care Coordination)</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>The MCP must refer Members to the County if these Members are suspected of having an MTP eligible condition and must include all supporting information/justification with the referral. As a part of the CCS eligibility review, the County will review and determine MTP eligibility, if applicable.</p> <p>The MCP must not duplicate therapy services rendered by an MTP.</p> <p>The MCP must regularly communicate and share relevant information via telephone and/or case management notes, written or electronic, with the County to facilitate the care of CCS Members who require services from both the County and the MCP. Communication may be via telephone, written, electronic case management notes, or secure email.</p> <p>The MCP must provide CCS Maintenance and Transportation (M&amp;T) and Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) for all Medically Necessary Covered Services, including services provided through the CCS Program and MTP, and assist County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) to coordinate Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT). The MCP must ensure reimbursements for M&amp;T expenses are available to the CCS eligible Member or their family in accordance with CCS NL 03-0810 and APL 21-005 or any superseding version of this NL and APL. The MCP must provide and authorize the CCS M&amp;T benefit for CCS eligible Members or the Member's family seeking transportation</p>	<p>The CCS County Administrator or designee must coordinate with the MCP liaison or the MCP Utilization Management Director regarding member enrollment, as often as necessary.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) will ensure that a CCS-eligible child has a primary point of contact who shall be responsible for the child's care coordination.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) will coordinate with the CCS Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) to ensure appropriate access to MTP services.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) will consult with county MTP to coordinate durable medical equipment (DME) equipment needs of MTP eligible clients, as necessary.</p> <p>The County will manage medically necessary specialty services and follow-up treatment, as prescribed by the County's Medical Therapy Conference (MTC) team physician.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) will notify CCS eligible neonates, infants, and children up to three years of age that lose Medical coverage for HRIF services.</p> <p>The County MTP is responsible for the provision of medically necessary</p>

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<p>to a medical service related to their CCS eligible condition(s) when the cost of M&amp;T presents a barrier to accessing authorized CCS services.</p> <p>The MCP must inform CCS eligible Members of the availability of the CCS Program and benefits as needed.</p> <p>The MCP must, as part of its provider education strategy, educate Network Providers about the local CCS Program and the ways that the Primary Care Physician (PCP) can assist with integration of CCS authorized services.</p> <p>The MCP must notify the County of any CCS eligible neonates, infants, and children up to three years of age that have been identified as having a potential CCS eligible condition through the HRIF program. The MCP must accompany any referral to the County with supporting information/justification of the Member's potential CCS eligible condition.</p> <p>The MCP must develop and implement policies and procedures (P&amp;Ps) that specify coordination activities and communication requirements among PCPs, specialty providers, hospitals, and the assigned case manager(s).</p> <p>The MCP must ensure that CCS eligible Members and their families have ongoing information, education, and support regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to request continuity of care for pharmacy, specialized DME, and health care providers;</li> <li>• How to request M&amp;T services;</li> <li>• How to request assistance with the transition to adult care;</li> </ul>	<p>occupational and physical therapy services prescribed by the County CCS MTU Conference Team Physician or the CCS-paneled physician who is providing the medical direction for occupational and physical therapy services.</p> <p>Upon notification from the MCP of a CCS Member that has lost MCP coverage, the County must ensure the coordination of HRIF outpatient diagnostic services.</p> <p>The County must regularly communicate, share relevant information via telephone and/or case management notes, written or electronic, with the MCP to facilitate the care of CCS WCM Members who require MTP services. Communication may be via telephone, written, electronic case management notes, or secure email.</p> <p>The County must identify staff who will meet quarterly and more often as necessary with the appointed MCP Liaison(s).</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must authorize services based on medical necessity and/or evidence- based guidelines, including DME, consistent with CCS Program standards. The MCP must ensure all services related to the Member's CCS eligible condition are provided by either CCS paneled providers, CCS-approved Special Care Centers (SCCs), and/or CCS- approved pediatric acute care hospitals.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referrals to community resources;</li> <li>• The child's and family's role in the individual care process;</li> <li>• The availability of mental health services; and</li> <li>• Any other services that might be available (i.e. Regional Centers and Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver Agencies)</li> </ul> <p>The MCP must determine which staff will be appropriate to meet, at a minimum quarterly and as often as necessary, and maintain communication with the appointed CCS Liaison(s).</p>	<p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must provide case management services for CCS eligible conditions, to coordinate benefits, and to authorize services according to state regulations and APL 21-005 or any superseding APL.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must authorize a CCS paneled provider or center to treat and manage the CCS eligible condition. County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) is delegated with the utilization management functions for CCS-eligible HPSM members.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must ensure that CCS eligible Members receive all Medically Necessary pediatric preventive services, including immunizations, unless determined to be medically contraindicated.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must authorize, refer, and coordinate the delivery of Organ and Bone Marrow Transplant benefits and all Medically Necessary Covered Services associated with a transplant service. MCP must ensure that organ and bone marrow transplants services are provided to the Member at a CCS-approved SCC that has current CCS approval to transplant the specified organ in the Member's age</p>



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	<p>group in accordance with Attachment 2 of APL 21-015 or any superseding APL.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must conduct a HRIF program acuity assessment and authorize any HRIF services for the Member in accordance with the HRIF Eligibility Criteria.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must ensure access or arrange for the provision of HRIF case management services.</p>

<b>Intercounty Transfer (ICT)</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) is subcontracted with Health Plan of San Mateo to perform the task and responsibilities of what would traditionally be required of the managed care plan in a Whole Child Model County, including intercounty transfer.</p> <p>The MCP must follow CCS ICT guidance in accordance with CCS Intercounty Transfer NL 09-1215 or any superseding NL or any superseding APLs.</p>	<p>During an ICT, the County must forward to a Member's new county of residence a completed ICT form and any documentation that the County received from the MCP.</p> <p>When the Member in the Sending County is enrolled in a WCM MCP, the Sending County must request the most recent medical reports, case management notes, and utilization information from the WCM MCP.</p> <p>The Receiving County is encouraged to collaborate with the Sending County during their negotiations of a transfer date. For further guidance on ICTs, refer to the CCS Intercounty Transfer NL 09-1215.</p>

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	County must follow CCS Intercounty Transfer Policy NL 09-1215 or any superseding version of this NL.

<b>CCS Advisory Committees (Clinical Advisory and Family Advisory)</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>The MCP must create and maintain a Clinical Advisory Committee composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MCP's medical director or the equivalent;</li> <li>• The County's CCS administrator, medical director or designee;</li> <li>• At least four CCS-paneled providers; and</li> <li>• The County's CCS Liaison(s)</li> </ul> <p>The Clinical Advisory Committee must meet at least quarterly or more frequently if determined to be necessary.</p> <p>The MCP's Family Advisory Committee (FAC) must ensure meaningful engagement of its members, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The County's CCS Liaison(s) and</li> <li>• The County's CCS representative(s)</li> <li>• CCS provider representatives.</li> </ul> <p>The MCP must coordinate with the County's CCS staff, local CCS providers, and consumer advocates to recruit CCS families for the FAC.</p> <p>The MCP must coordinate with CCS families to ensure they understand the FAC's role and their role as members of the FAC.</p>	<p>The following County representatives must actively participate in the MCP's Clinical Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The County's CCS administrator, medical director or designee; or</li> <li>• The County's CCS Liaison</li> </ul> <p>The County's representatives will actively participate by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending meetings</li> <li>• Engaging in discussion</li> <li>• Offering feedback and recommendations.</li> </ul> <p>The County must collaborate with the MCP to ensure meaningful engagement with family members.</p> <p>The County must coordinate with the MCP, local CCS providers, and consumer advocates to assist in recruiting CCS families for the FAC.</p> <p>The County must coordinate with CCS families to ensure they understand the FAC's role and their role as members of the FAC.</p>

<b>CCS Advisory Committees</b> (Clinical Advisory and Family Advisory)	
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<p>The MCP may provide a reasonable per diem payment to enable in-person participation in the advisory committee.</p> <p>The MCP may utilize teleconference or other similar electronic means to facilitate participation.</p>	

<b>A. Continuity of Care</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>Upon transitioning to WCM:</p> <p>If requested by the CCS eligible Member within 90 days of the transition of their CCS services to the MCP, the MCP must ensure that the CCS eligible Member continues to receive case management and care coordination from their public health nurse (PHN), if the PHN is available and the County and MCP reach a mutually agreeable financial arrangement.</p> <p>The MCP must establish and maintain a process by which a CCS eligible Member may maintain access to navigating a health plan; maintain rights to appeal any service denials; and request continuity of care for pharmacy, health care providers, and specialized or customized DME providers for up to 12 months.</p> <p>The MCP must ensure that CCS families have ongoing information, education, and support regarding the rights to appeal any service denials, including the right to appeal a denial of Continuity of Care (COC) beyond 12 months, in accordance</p>	<p>Upon transitioning to WCM:</p> <p>The County must respond to the MCP within 2 Working Days regarding the CCS eligible Member's request to continue working with their PHN. In the event that the requested PHN is no longer available, the County must provide notice to the MCP of the PHN's last day in the CCS Program. If the County does not want to proceed with discussions, the County must submit a written notification to DHCS and the MCP on county letterhead to advise on the decision.</p> <p>The County must provide information on active CCS eligible Member cases to the MCP unless a case has already been transitioned.</p> <p>The County is primarily responsible for providing case management to arrange all approved Private Duty Nursing (PDN) service hours if the County approves the PDN services for a CCS eligible Member under the age of 21.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>Existing WCM Counties must coordinate COC services with the MCP to the</p>

<sup>1</sup> Applicable during the transition period.

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<p>with APL 21-005, APL 22-032 or any superseding APLs.</p> <p>The MCP must attempt to enter into a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the provider to allow for COC for at least one year if the child has established care with a provider prior to WCM and if that provider is not contracted with the MCP.</p>	<p>extent possible to ensure no delays of services to Members.</p> <p>The County must follow Continuity of Care guidance in accordance with H&amp;S Code Section 123850(b).</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) is primarily responsible for providing case management to arrange all approved PDN service hours if the MCP approves the PDN services for a Medi-Cal eligible CCS Member under the age of 21. If CCS has authorized PDN services and is primarily responsible for providing case management for those PDN services, County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must still provide case management as necessary, including, at the Member's request, arranging for all approved PDN services as required by APL 20-012 or any superseding APL</p>

<b>Data and Information Sharing (HIPAA/Medical Records Sharing)</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>The MCP must ensure any Subcontractors or Network Providers that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the MCP agree to the same privacy restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the MCP.</p> <p>The MCP must ensure that appropriate staff has access to the Children's Medical Services Provider Electronic Data</p>	<p>The County must ensure any Providers that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the County agree to the same privacy restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the County.</p> <p>The County must ensure any Subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the County CCS</p>

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<p>Interchange (PEDI) to view the status of CCS Eligible Member data.</p> <p>The MCP must, in collaboration with the County, implement policies and procedures to ensure that the minimum necessary Member information and data for accomplishing the goals of this MOU are exchanged timely and maintained securely and confidentially and in compliance with the requirements set below. The MCP and County must share information in compliance with applicable law, which may include the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and its implementing regulations, as amended ("HIPAA"), 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2, and other State and federal privacy laws. The MCP must attach these P&amp;Ps to this MOU within 90 calendar days of execution of this MOU.</p>	<p>Program agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the County.</p> <p>The County must, in collaboration with MCP, implement policies and procedures to ensure that the minimum necessary Member information and data for accomplishing the goals of this MOU and are exchanged timely and maintained securely and confidentially and in compliance with the requirements set below. The MCP and County must share information in compliance with applicable law, which may include HIPAA and its implementing regulations, as amended, 42 CFR Part 2, and other State and federal privacy laws.</p> <p>These policies and procedures must be attached to this MOU within 90-calendar days of execution</p>

<b>Dispute Resolution</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>If there is a dispute between the MCP and the County, all parties are responsible for carrying out all their responsibilities under the MOU without delay, including providing Members with access to services under the MOU</p> <p>The MCP must designate appropriate staff to participate in dispute resolution with the County. The MCP must meet at least quarterly with the County's CCS liaison(s) and the County's staff regarding operational and administrative issues.</p> <p>The MCP must respond timely to the County's dispute resolution requests.</p>	<p>If there is a dispute between the County and the MCP, all parties are responsible for carrying out all their responsibilities under the MOU without delay, including providing Members with access to services under the MOU.</p> <p>The County must designate appropriate staff to participate in dispute resolution with the MCP. The County must meet at least quarterly with the MCP's Program/liaison staff regarding operational and administrative issues.</p> <p>The County must communicate all resolved disputes in writing to the MCP. Disputes between the County and the</p>

**Dispute Resolution**

<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
Disputes between the MCP and the County regarding CCS medical eligibility determinations that cannot be reached by mutual agreement in a good faith attempt between the MCP and the County must be forwarded by either party to DHCS via email to <a href="mailto:CCSRedesign@dhcs.ca.gov">CCSRedesign@dhcs.ca.gov</a> for review and a final determination.	MCP regarding CCS medical eligibility determinations that cannot be resolved in a good faith attempt between the MCP and the County must be forwarded by either party to DHCS via email to <a href="mailto:CCSRedesign@dhcs.ca.gov">CCSRedesign@dhcs.ca.gov</a> for review and a final determination.

**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)**

<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>In order to capture the CCS referral, the MCP must report to the County's CCS Program all Members identified as meeting the criteria for the NICU eligibility assessment.</p> <p>The MCP must accompany any CCS referral to the County with supporting information/justification of the Member's potential CCS eligible condition.</p>	<p>The County must review all cases for CCS Program determinations referred to the County by an MCP when a Member may have any newly identified or potential CCS-eligible conditions, including infants with a potential CCS-eligible condition at time of discharge from the NICU, as well as infants and children undergoing diagnostic evaluation for CCS-eligible conditions.</p> <p>County of San Mateo by and through San Mateo County Health, Family Health Services Division (FHS) must conduct assessments in accordance with CCS Program guidelines for medical eligibility for care in a CCS- approved NICU, as found in CCS NL 05- 0502 or any superseding NL.</p>

**Quality Assurance and Monitoring**

<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
MCP must collaborate with the County to establish policies and procedures for oversight of all of the requirements of this MOU, including, without limitation, requirements related to combined Quality Improvement (QI) activities, including, but not limited to, any applicable performance measures and	The County must collaborate with the MCP to establish policies and procedures for oversight of all of the requirements of this MOU, including, without limitation, requirements related to QI activities, including, but not limited to, any applicable performance measures and QI initiatives as well as

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<p>QI initiatives as well as reports that track cross-system referrals, CCS eligible Member engagement, and service utilization and to prevent duplication of services rendered. The MCP must participate in meetings with the County at least quarterly to update P&amp;Ps and protocols as appropriate. The MCP and the County may establish frequency of meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documentation related to these meetings should be made available to DHCS for auditing purposes, including agendas and sign-in sheets.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting facilitation is determined by the MCP and the County.</p> <p>The MCP's CCS liaison must report to the MCP's Compliance Officer on the MCP's compliance with the MOU no less frequently than quarterly.</p>	<p>reports that track cross-system referrals, CCS eligible Member engagement, and service utilization and to prevent duplication of services rendered.</p> <p>Meeting facilitation is determined by the County and MCP.</p>

<b>Subcontractors</b>	
<b>MCP</b>	<b>County</b>
<p>The MCP must ensure that all of its Subcontractors comply with all California Welfare and Institutions Code (W&amp;I Code) section 123850 requirements that apply to the MCP.</p>	<p>The County must ensure that all of its Subcontractors comply with all California W&amp;I Code section 123850 requirements that apply to the County.</p>

VIII. AMENDMENTS

The County and the MCP may amend this MOU at any time by written, mutual consent. The County and the MCP must submit any amended MOUs to DHCS and receive DHCS’ final review and approval before execution of the amended MOU.

IX. LIAISONS

The MCP must designate an individual or set of individuals as part of its Provider Relations/Community Relations or related functions to serve as the liaison for CCS county administrators and providers, including CCS specialty care center providers.

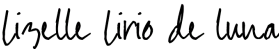
The County and the MCP must designate CCS liaisons to be the primary points of contact for this MOU. The CCS liaisons must meet no less than quarterly to discuss activities related to this MOU and any other related matters. The County and the MCP must also submit the contact information for their respective liaisons to DHCS.

For the purposes of this MOU, the primary liaison for the MCP is the Director of Integrated Care and the primary liaison for the County is the Family Health Services Director r.

X. DATA AND INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT(S)

The purpose of this section is to ensure protection of any data or information sharing related to the WCM and to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and any other applicable privacy requirements. *To the extent the Parties deem it necessary and/or appropriate, they can reference a business associate agreement (BAA) to be integrated into the Agreement by a reference in this subsection to a BAA as an additional Exhibit.*

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