GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

FACT SHEET

Children's Intervention Services

Overview

Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program offers coverage for restorative and rehabilitative services to eligible members in noninstitutional settings, including their home, therapist's office or other approved community setting. CIS must be determined to be medically necessary, recommended, and documented as appropriate interventions by a physician.

NOTE: Hospital-employed therapists who are enrolled in the CIS program may provide services and bill for services rendered in the hospital outpatient facility or outpatient clinic.

Why is the Program Important?

The intent of the program is to minimize the effects of a physical disability or developmental delay and improve the functional level of the child.

Why Does the Program Require Prior Authorizations?

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) strives to ensure the right care is provided to the right children at the right time. A child's need for therapy can change over time, and by standardizing the Prior Authorization (PA) review process and assuring medical necessity, DCH can be confident that the program meets each child's medical needs.

For More Information

Visit <u>www.dch.georgia.gov</u> for additional information.



Services and Eligibility

Services

- Audiology
- Nursing
- Nutrition provided by licensed dietitians
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Counseling provided by licensed clinical social workers
- Speech-language pathology

Eligibility

Medicaid–eligible members from birth up to the age of 21 with physical disabilities or with a developmental delay who have demonstrated medical necessity for rehabilitative or restorative intervention services ordered by a physician.