



**PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR INFANTS
(0-2 years)**

Listed below is a brief summary of services available for children. Please refer to SG/PRC's Purchase of Service Policy for details about the service and the need for reviewing generic services. Some services may be subject to FCPP or AFPF share of cost if the client does not have Medi-Cal and the family income exceeds 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Individual/Family Training and Development

Participation in seminars and conferences provides opportunity for people with developmental disabilities and/or their family members to develop skills and abilities in leadership and/or increase their knowledge of developmental disabilities and related resources. Transportation, lodging, and meal costs are the responsibility of the individual or family.

Infant Development Services

Infant Development services and supports are designed specifically for infants and toddlers to improve functioning in one or more areas of delayed development and/or to assist the parents/care givers to understand, accept and work with their child's special needs. The services and supports may begin as early as shortly after birth up to the child's third birthday.

Intensive Behavior Services for Children

Intensive behavior intervention consists of individual instruction and behavioral techniques to teach new skills. Research suggests that children with autism can benefit from early and intensive behavior intervention services. Such services are based on principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to specifically address deficits in social, self-care, and functional communication skills. Regional center shall only purchase ABA or intensive behavioral services that reflect evidence-based practices, promote positive social behaviors, and ameliorate behaviors that interfere with learning and social interactions. For children diagnosed with autism, these services are provided through the client's health insurance, including Medi-Cal HMOs.

Medical, Dental and Equipment Services

Medical, dental, equipment and supply services and supports may be purchased to improve or maintain an individual's health status. The purchase of medications is included within these services. The needed treatment or equipment is associated with, or has resulted from a developmental disability, developmental delay or an established risk condition.

Preschool Services

Preschool services may be purchased for children from 2 to 3 years of age with a developmental disability, developmental delay, or established risk condition to: enhance skills in the areas of communication and social/emotional development; provide opportunities to participate in a structured educational environment with peers; provide opportunities to generalize skills within a small group setting; and prepare the child for entry into a public school program. Preschool services are not intended to replace the parent's responsibility to provide day care for a child when the parent is working or in a school/vocational program. In addition, preschool services do not replace parental responsibility to provide typical socialization opportunities for the child in their home, neighborhood, and community.

Residential Services

Residential services are designed to provide direct supervision and specialized services to achieve Individual Program Plan objectives in a licensed residential setting. Dependent upon the abilities and independence of the person, the residential provider may provide care, supervision, training, and support to promote the individual's functioning in the areas of self-care, daily living skills, physical coordination, mobility, behavioral self-control, choice-making, community integration, accessing community resources, and participating in leisure time activities. For voluntary placements, there is a Parental Fee that is calculated by DDS.

Therapy Services

Therapy services and supports include occupational, physical, speech or nutritional therapies that are required to prevent deterioration of a specific condition, or to improve functional skills. In most cases the need for therapy is met by California Children's Services, Medi-Cal, private family insurance, military health insurance, or other resources. Regional Center shall not purchase any service that would otherwise be available from private insurance or other healthcare service plan when a client meets the criteria of this coverage.

Transportation

The regional center may purchase transportation services from private transportation companies vendored by the regional center, or family members may become vendored for reimbursement of mileage costs. For minors living at home, the regional center shall take into account the family's responsibilities for providing transportation services similar to those provided for a child without disabilities. Parents, legal guardians, or care givers are expected to provide for routine transportation, such as to medical appointments. Transportation to medical appointments may be a covered service under Medi-Cal HMO plans; parents, legal guardians, or care givers will need to contact the Medi-Cal HMO plan to request transportation services to medical appointments.

The regional center may purchase transportation for children younger than three to a required early intervention service or program other than a public school as required by Early Start program regulations. Transportation will be provided by the most cost-effective method that meets the needs of the child and family. If vendored transportation services are authorized, the parent or care giver is strongly encouraged to accompany the child on the transportation vehicle.