

Children’s Special Healthcare Services (CSHS) – Clinical Services

Physician Guide for Referrals to CSHS-Clinical Services

Children’s Special Healthcare Services (CSHS)-Clinical Services serves children in Louisiana with special healthcare needs in clinics located throughout the state. Clinics offer a variety of services including sub-specialist care, behavioral health services, nutritional services, care coordination, and transition services. They can also provide referrals for services such as family support, medical tests and procedures, medical equipment and supplies, and speech, physical or occupational therapies. The clinics serve children up to age 21 years who legally reside in Louisiana and meet both the financial and medical eligibility criteria described below.

- **Financial Criteria:** Any child with Medicaid meets the financial criteria for CSHS-Clinical Services. All children seeking services from CSHS-Clinical Services must apply for Medicaid. Those who do not meet Medicaid qualifications may be eligible based on financial eligibility determination.
- **Medical Criteria:** Children with certain serious chronic illnesses or disabilities that cause significant limitations in major life activities are eligible for CSHS-Clinical Services. See the list below to determine whether or not CSHS-Clinical Services can treat your patient’s disorder.

Applications for families who would like to receive services from CSHS-Clinical Services are available at Office of Public Health (OPH) Parish Health Units, CSHS-Clinical Services Regional Offices, and on the CSHS Website: ldh.la.gov/cshs. A diagnosis or suspected diagnosis from a provider must be included with the application.

CSHS-Clinical Services Clinic Medical Criteria

In addition to providing the services described above, CSHS-Clinical Services clinics also provide subspecialty care for certain disorders. Please use the information below to determine which types of disorders the clinics are able to treat (Eligible Diagnoses) and those they are unable to treat (Ineligible Diagnoses) in order to determine whether or not to refer a patient.

Note that subspecialty clinics in each region may vary over time with provider availability. For more information, visit the CSHS Website: ldh.la.gov/cshs.

Audiology (Region 5)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** priority given to infants and young children with severe-profound loss, sensorineural loss, high frequency loss, and hearing loss due to neurofibromatosis.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** central auditory processing problems, ear diseases not resulting in hearing loss.

Cardiology (Region 8)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** congenital lesions, conduction disorders, valve defects, hypertensive heart disease, cardiac dysrhythmias, chronic rheumatic heart disease.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** functional murmurs, non-dysfunctional and stable cardiac conditions needing only monitoring, hypertension with no cardiac involvement, bacterial or viral infections during acute treatment.

Cleft Lip and Palate (Region 8)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** unilateral or bilateral cleft lip and/or palate or velopharyngeal insufficiency.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** patients needing only orthodontia or cranio-facial anomalies without cleft lip or palate.

Genetics (Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 9)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** at risk for or a diagnosis of a genetic disorder
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** conditions not related to a genetic disorder

Neurology (Regions 2, 4, 5, 9)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** seizure disorders, movement disorders such as Tourette’s Syndrome, degenerative neurologic conditions, cerebral palsy, neuromuscular disorders, acquired neurological disabilities such as post encephalitis or meningitis, stroke or traumatic encephalopathy.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** headache, developmental delay, dyslexia, ADHD, neurocarcinoma, acute CNS infections, acute injuries & autism.

Neurosurgery (Region 2)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** hydrocephaly, microcephaly, vascular malformations of the brain, altered CSF flow, post-acute head injuries, neural tube defects.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** acute injuries, comatose patients.

Orthopedic (Regions 2, 5, 6, 8)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** Conditions treated are varied and include congenital and acquired deformities such as cerebral palsy, clubfoot, Legg Perthes, slipped capital femoral epiphysis, congenital hip dislocation or dysplasia.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** acute conditions such as fractures, malignancies, flat feet, internal tibial torsion, minimal scoliosis.

Otology (Region 5)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** chronic otitis media, cholesteatoma, sensorineural hearing loss, hearing loss related to cleft palate, and malformations of the ear.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** disorders of the sinuses, nose or throat, facial palsies, malformations of the outer ear with no hearing loss, upper respiratory disorders.

Plastic Surgery (Regions 4, 6)

- **Eligible Diagnoses:** deforming or function limiting scars, hemangiomas, contractures, congenital anomalies such as microtia, or keloids. Children with cleft lip/palate are treated in these clinics when there is no cleft lip/palate services available in the region.
- **Ineligible Diagnoses:** defects or anomalies causing no functional problems, dermatologic conditions not requiring reconstructive procedures or only needing cosmetic correction

Sickle Cell Disease (Regions 6, 8)

- **Eligible Diagnoses** Hemoglobinopathy

CSHS – Clinical Services Contact Information

For more information about clinic offerings and services, please contact the clinic using the information below.

Region	Phone	Fax
Region 2 (Baton Rouge)	(225) 242-4890	(225) 342-4707
Region 3 (Thibodaux)	(985) 447-0921	(985) 447-0897
Region 4 (Lafayette)	(337) 262-5616	(337) 262-1310
Region 5 (Lake Charles)	(337) 480-2552	(337) 475-4820
Region 6 (Alexandria)	(318) 487-528	(318) 487-5481
Region 8 (Monroe)	(318) 361-7282	(318) 362-3016
Region 9 (Hammond)	(985) 543-4165	(985) 543-4171