

CSHCS ALERT #12-2015 - Authorizing Geneticists
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CSHCS is working toward getting more children with metabolic conditions onto CSHCS. Therefore, some LHDs can expect to see more families than usual whose child has a metabolic disorder applying for CSHCS.

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion as to whether CSHCS covers geneticists. The answer is yes and no.

- 1) For clients with a metabolic disorder, a geneticist is typically the treating sub-specialist and should be authorized on the client file.
- 2) When a geneticist is requested only to obtain information regarding the client/family that will not be useful regarding the treatment of the client, then the geneticist should not be authorized on the client file. However, the request can be forwarded to your analyst for a physician consultant to determine whether it is appropriate to authorize due to the results impacting the treatment of the client. The determination of approval is a rare occurrence but occasionally it is appropriate to approve.

If you have questions, please contact your analyst. Thank you.

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