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STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE ON
PROPOSED CRIPPLED CHILDREN LEGISLATION

by James M. Shrumway, (TITLE)
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JANUARY 30, 1968

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When the 1967-68 budget for the various Crippled Children programs in the State of California was passed by the Legislature and signed by

Governor Reagan, there was specific language inserted in the budget by

the Legislature that the ^{State was required to live within the funds budgeted, but} counties having Crippled Children programs ^{Crippled Children} were ^{implicitly} mandated to live within the money budgeted to them by the State of California.

A majority of the ^{majority of the} counties have so attempted to live within ^{their} this amount of money but, unfortunately, nine counties have or will use up the money budgeted to them before June 30, 1968, based upon the projection of

^{expenditures} - ^{costs} for the second six month period of this fiscal year evidenced by the experience of the first six month period of this fiscal year.

^{It is to be noted} that no formal request for additional money has been received by the State from any of the nine counties.

It is the position of Governor Reagan and his Administration that no crippled child in each of the nine counties should suffer or be deprived of necessary health care services because of the failure of the Crippled Childrens program to abide by the legislative mandate and, therefore, Governor Reagan has directed the State Department of Public Health to contact each of the nine counties that anticipate budget deficiencies and to report back within two weeks from today those programs that desire additional State funding and the amount of such request so that appropriate steps can be taken to work out funding requirements together with changes in present law so that future occurrences of this nature will be forever prevented.

Governor Ronald Reagan, concerned by state health department projections that some counties were running short of funds for the crippled children's program, asked the counties today if they wanted additional money.

"Although no county has initiated a request for additional funds, I have taken the unusual step of asking if money is wanted because I do not want to see essential medical treatment denied to any crippled child," Gov. Reagan said.

"If the counties do need additional funds, I am willing to ask the legislature to put aside the ban on extra funding that it expressly wrote into the budget act," the governor said. "I will also ask for revision and simplification of this complex program."

The governor acted immediately after a presentation of a report from the health department showing expenditures for the first six months of the program and projecting expenditures for the remainder of the year.

The 1967 legislature added language to the budget act directing that the state expenditures "shall not exceed the amount appropriated."

the budget requested by the ~~xxxx~~ administration and approved by the legislature was based on amounts requested by the counties and when taken together with medical funds actually represented a modest increase over the prior year, the governor said.

Some weeks ago the governor augmented the program further by authorizing the use of the state's share of reimbursement from parents for expenditure by the counties.

it was expected the total amount needed would be known in about two weeks since county boards of supervisors would have to vote on asking additional funds if any are needed.

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Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor of the State of California
First Floor, State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

I am writing to respectfully request that you place the subject matter of financing the Crippled Children's Service program on special call. This would allow the Legislature to consider appropriating additional funds to Item 277 of the 1967-68 Budget Act (A.B. 303). The reason for the request is that the C.C.S. program was cut back by the State Department of Public Health as of August 15, 1967, apparently due to an insufficiency of funds appropriated this year.

The cut backs mean that children with any one of approximately 100 medical conditions who were eligible to be treated prior to August 15 are no longer eligible to receive C.C.S. treatment unless they come from poverty stricken families or started treatment prior to August 15. These are handicapped youngsters who are cross-eyed, have mild hearing loss, drooping eyelids, lop-ears, and clubfeet, to give just a few of the more graphic examples. It is estimated by the Department of Public Health that 5,000-7,000 children, who otherwise would have received C.C.S. care, will not receive C.C.S. services during the current fiscal year as a result of the cut backs. Many of these children come from low income families who do not meet the poverty standard (income of \$4,000 or less) but to whom large medical bills can be catastrophic.

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I am sure that these facts are no more comforting to you than they are to me or any other fair-minded citizen. I know of your concern for handicapped youngsters, as evidenced by your signing of S.B. 1292 (Petriss, 1967) and as manifested by your statement to me in March, 1967, when you said you would support an additional deficiency appropriation for the C.C.S. program if this proved to be necessary during the balance of fiscal year 1966-67 to prevent a cut back of C.C.S. services. This statement followed our agreement on the amount of money to be appropriated by A.B. 595 (Crown, 1967) for C.C.S.

I would like to add a word to two regarding the amount of money appropriated for C.C.S. during the past budgetary session. The Legislature granted the full amount of the appropriation proposed by the Department of Finance during budgetary proceedings--\$9,740,763. I understand that at no time did the Department of Finance indicate to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee that the amount requested was insufficient to continue the program at the ongoing level of service. I am confident that if members of the Legislature had known in advance that the C.C.S. appropriation was insufficient to maintain current program levels, they would have attempted to provide the necessary financing.

Be that as it may, we now have the opportunity to rectify past decisions. With your consent and assistance, I am prepared to introduce the appropriate legislation to lift the Crippled Children's program out of the financial abyss into which it has fallen. Preliminary indications are that from \$500,000 to \$750,000 is needed, an amount I think the taxpayers of California are willing to expend for the care of deserving crippled children.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this important matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



ROBERT W. CROWN
Assemblyman

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cc: Mr. Spencer Williams
Mr. Gordon Smith
Mr. Jack Lindsey
Mr. Vernon Sturgeon
All Members of the Legislature

State of California
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CCS BULLETIN 67-4

August 15, 1967

TO: All CCS County Program Directors

SUBJECT: Bureau of Crippled Children Services
Manual of Procedure

Chapter 2, Medical Eligibility
MODIFICATION OF MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967-68

In order to keep expenditures within funds appropriated, the attached list are conditions which should not be accepted for treatment services under Crippled Children Services in the fiscal year 1967-68. This applies to new cases only. Cases already under care should be continued until treatment is completed. (An alphabetical list is also attached.)

Exceptions:

1. For those families living at or below the poverty level/^{GROSS INCOME} (\$2,000 individual; \$4,000 family) and for whom there is no other resource for medical care (county hospital, Department of Rehabilitation), the county may at its option, review individual cases and consider accepting a child with these conditions under the CCS program.
2. Children with conditions on this list who are eligible for Medi-Cal benefits will continue to be accepted for case management services if they are referred to CCS.

The Modification in general eliminates conditions which are not chronic in nature, do not need complex multidisciplinary services and are not financially catastrophic.

Eligibility for diagnostic services for these restricted conditions (before the nature of the handicap and the family's financial situation is determined) remains unchanged.

Orthodontia screening clinic ^{would} be used ^{for} ~~children whose families live at or under the poverty level.~~

The modification of medical eligibility covers one or more of the following points:

1. Limits eye conditions to severely handicapping conditions of the eye, such as cataract, corneal opacity, malignant tumors, detachment of retina, glaucoma, and severe eye injury.
2. Limits the provision of orthodontia care essentially to children with cleft lip and palate.
3. Limits ear conditions to those requiring hearing aids, reconstructive surgery of the middle ear, or mastoid surgery.
4. Limits cosmetic surgery to functional restoration.
5. Limits orthopedic coverage to major orthopedic handicaps.
6. Limits care for other comparable conditions or cases involving relatively minor costs or limited need for specialized medical care.

Ralph C. Hornberger

Ralph C. Hornberger, M.D., Chief
Bureau of Crippled Children Services

CRIPPLED CHILDREN SERVICES

EXCLUSION LIST - TREATMENT SERVICES
Medical Eligibility
1967-68

Alphabetical

"A"

Abscess, bone
Absence of teeth (congenital or
acquired)
Amblyopia including anisometropia
Ankyloblepharon

Aphakia
Aural polyp

"B"

Baker's cyst
Benign melanoma of skin
Benign neoplasm of skin
Bowed legs
Bursitis

"C"

Calcaneal spur
Chondroma
Choroiditis
Cicatrix (Unless functionally
handicapping)

Club foot (Except when surgery needed)
Conjunctivitis
Cyst, Baker's

"D"

Dacryocystitis
Deflected nasal septum
Deformity, external ear (Except
agenesis or hypoplasia)
Deformity, nose
Deviated septum
Digits, supernumerary

"E"

Ear, deformity, external (Except
agenesis or hypoplasia)
Ear, inflammatory diseases of
Exostosis, bone
Eyelid, ptosis

"F"

Facial paralysis, Bell's palsy
Femoral torsion
Flat feet

"G"

Genu recurvatum
Genu valgum
Genu varum

"H"

Hallux valgus
Hallux varus
Hammer toe or finger
Hearing loss (Except for cases requiring
hearing aid, reconstructive surgery
of middle ear or mastoid surgery)
Hemangioma (Except major or grossly
disfiguring)
Hymen, imperforate

"I"

Imperforate hymen
Incontinentia pigmentia
Internal derangement of knee joint
Iritis

"J"

Joint mice

"K"

Keloid scar (Unless functionally
handicapping)
Keratitis (Except interstitial)
Knock knees

"L"

Lacrimal duct stenosis
Lateral meniscus, knee, rupture of
Lipoma
Loose body in joint
Lop ear

"M"

Malocclusion (Except with cleft palate)
Melanoma, benign, of skin
Metatarsus varus
Meniscus, lateral, knee, rupture of
Mole
Multiple exostosis

"N"

Nasal polyp
Nasal, septum deviation
Neoplasm, benign, of skin
Nevus
Nevus, pigmented
Nose, deformity

"O"

Ophthalmia (Except sympathetic)
Osteomyelitis, acute or subacute
Otitis externa
Otitis media (Except requiring
reconstructive surgery of middle
ear or mastoid surgery)
Otitis media, serous

"P"

Paralysis, facial (Bell's palsy)
Pes cavus
Pes planus
Pigeon toes
Pigmented nevus
Polydactylism
Polyp, aural
Polyp, nasal
Pronated ankle
Pronated feet

Pterygium
Ptosis of eyelid

"R"

Radial, ulnar, synostosis
Rheumatic fever (Except chronic
rheumatic heart disease)
Rupture of lateral meniscus, knee

"S"

Scar (Unless functionally handicapping)
Serous otitis media
Stenosis, lacrimal duct
Strabismus
Supernumerary digits
Supernumerary ear
Supernumerary lacrimal duct
Synostosis, radial ulnar
Synovitis

"T"

Tattoo
Teeth, absence of, congenital or acquired
Tenosynovitis
Tibial torsion
Torticollis
Trigger finger

"W"

Webbed fingers or toes (If single
anomaly)

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CRIPPLED CHILDREN SERVICES

EXCLUSION LIST - TREATMENT SERVICES
Medical Eligibility
1967-68

Chapter II - Procedure Manual

2.4 Neoplasms (WHO 140-239)

Benign melanoma of skin
Benign neoplasm of skin
Chondroma, bone
Exostosis, bone
Hemangioma (Except major or grossly disfiguring)

Lipoma
Mole
Nevus
Pigmented nevus

2.8 Diseases of Nervous System (WHO 330-369)

Facial paralysis (Bell's palsy)

2.8.3 Eye Conditions (WHO 370-389)

Amblyopia including anisometropia
Ankyloblepharon
Choroiditis
Conjunctivitis
Dacryocystitis

Iritis
Keratitis (Except interstitial)
Ophthalmia (Except sympathetic)
Pterygium
Ptosis of eyelid

Stenosis of lacrimal duct
Strabismus

2.8.4 Ear Conditions (WHO 390-398)

Aural polyp
Deformity of external ear (Except agenesis or hypoplasia)
Hearing loss (Except requiring a hearing aid, reconstructive surgery of middle ear or mastoid surgery)
Otitis externa
Otitis media (Except requiring reconstructive surgery of middle ear or mastoid)
Serous otitis media

2.9 Diseases of the Circulatory System (WHO 400-468)

Rheumatic fever (Except chronic rheumatic heart disease)

2.10 Diseases of the Respiratory System (WHO 470-527)

Deflected nasal septum
Deformity of nose
Deviated septum
Nasal polyp

2.11 Diseases of the Digestive System (WHO 530-587)

Congenital or acquired absence of teeth
Malocclusion (Except with cleft palate)

2.14 Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue (WHO 690-716)

Cicatrix (Unless functionally handicapping)
Keloid (Unless functionally handicapping)
Scar (Unless functionally handicapping)
Tattoo

2.15 Diseases of Bones and Organs of Movement (WHO 720-749)

Baker's cyst
Bowed legs
Bursitis
Calcaneal spur
Club foot (Except requiring surgery)

Femoral torsion
Flat foot
Genu recurvatum
Genu valgum
Genu varum

Hallux valgus or varus
Hammer toe or finger
Internal derangement of knee joint
Knock knees
Loose body or cartilage in joint (Joint mice)

Metatarsus varus
Osteomyelitis, acute or subacute
Pes cavus
Pes planus
Pigeon toes

Pronated ankle
Pronated feet
Rupture of lateral meniscus of knee
Synovitis
Tenosynovitis

Tibial torsion
Torticollis
Trigger finger

Unless Multiple, the following are excluded:

Ankyloblepharon

Aphakia

Deformity of external ear (Except agenesis or
hypoplasia)

Imperforate hymen

Lop ear

Multiple exostosis

Polydactylism

Ptosis of eye lid

Radial ulnar synostosis

Supernumerary digits

Supernumerary ear

Supernumerary lacrimal duct

Webbed fingers or toes

**Crippled Childrens' Services Original Budget Estimates Submitted
to the Department of Finance and action taken by Finance and Legislature:**

	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
Departmental Estimate:			
State	9,848,246	10,743,569	11,086,567
Federal	<u>930,732</u>	<u>1,146,290</u>	<u>1,128,160</u>
	10,778,978	11,889,859	12,214,727
Governor's Budget:			
State	9,848,246	9,519,610	9,740,763
Federal	<u>930,732</u>	<u>1,146,290</u>	<u>1,128,160</u>
	10,778,978	10,665,900	10,868,923
Appropriated:			
State	9,848,246	9,073,140	9,740,763
Federal	<u>926,896</u>	<u>1,128,160</u>	<u>1,128,160</u>
	10,775,142	10,201,264	10,868,923
Deficiency Appropriation:		300,000	
Fee Increase Item 340		<u>367,659</u>	
		10,868,923	
Hemophilia Appropriation			<u>56,200</u>
			10,925,123
Reverted appropriation	66,048	900,423	
Increased Federal funds used to save General Fund (reverted)		260,944	

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