

**Physically Handicapped Children's Program (PHCP)  
Representative Conditions for Which Therapeutic  
Procedures are Approvable for State-Aid-To Counties**

Attached is a revised list of representative conditions (Item 74) for which reimbursement of services may be provided under PHCP. This list is not an all-inclusive list. Other physical conditions that are serious, chronic and/or handicapping may be considered for reimbursement at the discretion of the local PHCP Medical Director.

**A. MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM**

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
1. Achondroplasia	Medical Care
2. Amputee	Revision of stump, Prostheses and training
3. Arthritis, rheumatoid (including Still's)	Prevention and correction of contractures and deformities, including medical care during exacerbations
4. Aseptic necrosis of bone Kienback's disease, Kohler's Disease, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease, Osgood-Schlatter's Disease.	General orthopedic care
5. Bone tumors and cysts	Surgical removal. For malignant tumors, e.g., sarcoma, see special standards regarding cancer
6. Bowing of tibia with or without psaudarthrosis	Surgical correction or amputation
7. Chondrodystrophy	Surgical correction
8. Club Foot	Manipulative or operative correction
9. Club Hand	Manipulative or operative correction
10. Congenital Bands	Surgical correction
11. Contractures	Manipulative or operative correction
12. Dislocation of hip	Manipulative or operative correction
13. Dislocation of patella, recurrent	Manipulative or operative correction
14. Dislocation of shoulder, recurrent	Manipulative or operative correction
15. Fractures, malunited or ununited	Reconstructive surgery only
16. Genu recurvatum - valgum or varum	Closed or open correction

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM (cont.)**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
17. <b>Hallux valgus; hallux varus; hammer toe</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
18. <b>Hemophiliac joints, acute or chronic</b>	<b>Surgical treatment (exclusive of purchase of whole blood)</b>
19. <b>Muscular Dystrophy</b>	<b>Medical care</b>
20. <b>Nucleus pulposus, extruded; intervertebral disc, crushed or ruptured</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
21. <b>Osteitis Deformans</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
22. <b>Osteochondritis Dissecans</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
23. <b>Osteogenesis Imperfecta</b>	<b>Surgical correction of residual deformities in adolescence</b>
24. <b>Osteomyelitis</b>	<b>Incision, drainage, cauterization and sequestrectomy or partial osteotomy</b>
25. <b>Pes Planus</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
26. <b>Polydactylism</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
27. <b>Polomyelitis</b>	
<b>Acute</b>	<b>Medical care during acute phase and related therapy</b>
<b>Deformities due to</b>	<b>Rehabilitation, surgery, appliances; wheelchairs in selected cases</b>
28. <b>Rib, cervical</b>	<b>Surgical correction</b>
29. <b>Scoliosis</b>	<b>Conservative or operative care</b>

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM (cont.)**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
30. Semilunar, cartilage, derangements of	Surgical correction
31. Slipped capital epiphysis	Surgical correction
32. Spina Bifida	Surgical correction and rehabilitation
33. Spondylolisthesis	Surgical correction
34. Syndactylism	Surgical correction
35. Tenosynovitis, residual contractures of	Surgical correction
36. Torticollis	Surgical correction
37. Tuberculosis on bones and joints	General orthopedic care
38. Volkmann's contracture	Surgical correction

**B. NEUROMUSCULAR SYSTEM**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
1. Brain Tumors	Medical care and surgical removal
2. Cerebral Palsy	a. Diagnostic evaluation b. Rehabilitative surgery, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, braces; wheelchairs in selected cases
3. Convulsive disorders (including idiopathic epilepsy)	a. Diagnostic evaluation b. Intercranial surgery if indicated c. Medical management

**NEUROMUSCULAR SYSTEM (cont.)**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
4. Cortical scars	Surgical correction
5. Craniosynostosis	Surgical correction
6. Encephalocele	Surgical correction
7. Erb's Palsy	Conservative orthopedic care or surgical procedures where indicated
8. Facial nerve injury or involvement (not acute Bell's Palsy)	Conservative surgical care; physiotherapy; ophthalmological consultation if necessary
9. Guillian-Barre Syndrome - deformities due to	Rehabilitation
10. Hydrocephalus	Surgical correction
11. Meningocele	Surgical correction and rehabilitation
12. Meningomyelocele	Surgical correction and rehabilitation
13. Myelocele	Surgical correction and rehabilitation
14. Oxycephaly	Surgical correction
15. Poliomyelitis	
Acute	Medical care during acute phase and related therapy
Deformities due to	Rehabilitation, surgery, appliances; wheelchairs in selected cases
16. Premature closure of cranial sutures	Surgical correction

**NEUROMUSCULAR SYSTEM (cont.)**

**Defect**

17. Residua after surgery on  
brain and spinal cord

18. Spina Bifida

19. Subdural hematoma

20. Spinal cord tumors

21. Transverse myelitis  
(post acute)

**Treatment**

**Rehabilitation**

**Surgical correction and  
rehabilitation**

**Surgery**

**Surgical removal. See special  
standards regarding cancer**

**Rehabilitation; wheelchairs in  
selected cases**

**C. INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM (skin)**

**Defect**

1. Burns (acceptable under  
program one week prior to  
first skin graft)

2. Hemangioma

**If growing, ulcerated, or  
considered premalignant,  
removal from any site. If  
asymptomatic, removal from  
the following exposed surfaces;  
head, neck, upper extremity  
below elbow in both sexes, lower  
extremity below knee in females**

3. Keloids

**Treatment**

**Skin grafts; excision of scar  
tissue and reconstruction**

**Surgical correction; radiation;  
electro-cautery; sclerosing  
solutions; carbon dioxide snow**

**Irradiation; surgery**

**NEUROMUSCULAR SYSTEM (cont.)**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
4. Nevus (pigmented mole)	Irradiation; surgical excision
5. Lymphangioma	Surgical correction
6. Lymphedema	Plastic repair

**D. CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
Cardiac malformations - all types listed below	Diagnostic and surgical evaluations; surgical correction; medical treatment
1. Aneurysm	
2. Aorta, coarctation of	
3. Ductus arteriosus, patent	
4. Great vessels Construction by anomalous structures Transposition of	
5. Septal defect Auricular (Atrial) Ventricular	
6. Tetralogy of Fallot	
7. Valvular insufficiency Aortic Mitral	
8. Valvular stenosis (Atresia) Aortic Mitral Pulmonic Tricuspid	

**D.    CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM (cont.)**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
9.    Venous return, anomalies of	

Cardiac surgery approvable only if performed by specialists approved for cardiac surgery on the Department's list of clinical consultants, and in hospital centers approved for this purpose. Cardiac surgery not approvable out-of-state, with the exception of Medical Center Hospital of Vermont.

**E.    RESPIRATORY SYSTEM**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
1.    Asthma (excluding mild, intermittent)	Medical Care
2.    Bronchiectasis, chronic	Diagnostic workup; pneumonectomy or lobectomy. Not medical care only
3.    Bronchus, congenital malformations of	Reconstructive surgery
4.    Choanal atresia	Reconstructive surgery
5.    Larynx	Reconstructive surgery
Stenosis of	
Other congenital malformations of	
6.    Lungs, congenital or malformations of	Reconstructive surgery
7.    Nose, congenital or post-traumatic defects	Reconstructive surgery

**F.    GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
1.    Anal atresia	Surgical correction
2.    Biliary atresia	Surgical correction



**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
3. Esophageal atresia	Surgical correction
4. Intestinal stenosis or atresia	Surgical correction
5. Megacolon (Hirschsprung's Disease)	Pull-through procedure (Swenson)
6. Pyloric stenosis	Surgical correction
7. Portal hypertension	Shunt procedures
8. Tracheo-esophageal fistual	Surgical correction

**F. GENITOURINARY SYSTEM**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
1. Congenital anomalies and defects	Surgical correction
2. Cryptorchidism (undescended testicles)	Surgical correction
3. Epispadias	Surgical correction
4. Extrophy of bladder	Surgical correction
5. Hermaphroditism (or pseudo-hermaphroditism)	Exploratory laporatomy and/or surgical correction
6. Hydrocele	Surgical correction
7. Hypospadias	Surgical correction

**G. DEFECTS OF EAR AND MASTOID**

**Defect**

**Treatment**

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| <p>1. External ear; external auditory canal - congenital or acquired deformity of</p> <p>2. Hearing disabilities</p> <p>3. Mastoiditis</p> | <p>Reconstruction or other surgical correction</p> <p>Diagnostic evaluation; hearing aids; auditory training; speech therapy; speech reading, fenestration operation; stapes mobilization; tympanoplasty; tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy but only in presence of hearing loss of more than 30 decibels</p> <p>Surgery</p> |
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**H. DEFECTS OF EYES**

**Defects**

**Treatment**

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| <p>1. Amblyopia</p> <p>2. Albinism</p> <p>3. Anophthalmia</p> <p>4. Cataract (congenital, traumatic, metabolic)</p> <p>5. Conjunctival defect</p> <p>6. Corneal defect or injury</p> <p>7. Ectropion</p> <p>8. Entropion</p> <p>9. Evisceration or destruction of eyeball</p> | <p>Visits and patching</p> <p>Corneal tattooing</p> <p>Required plastic surgery; prosthetic restoration</p> <p>Surgical correction; corrective lenses</p> <p>Conjunctivoplasty</p> <p>Surgical correction, including corneal transplant</p> <p>Surgical correction</p> <p>Surgical correction</p> <p>Enucleation; prosthetic restoration</p> |
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**DEFECTS OF EYES (cont.)**

<b><u>Defects</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
10. Eyelid deformity or defect	Reconstruction
11. Glaucoma	Surgical correction
12. Iris, adhesions of	Iridectomy
13. Keratoconus	Contact lenses, corneal transplant
14. Lacrymal duct; obstruction of	Dilation; dacryocystectomy; dacryocystorhinostomy
15. Progressive myopia	Telescopic lenses; contact lenses
16. Pterygium	Surgical correction
17. Ptosis of lids	Surgical correction
18. Retina, detachment of	Surgical correction
19. Socket, defect of	Reconstruction; prosthetic restoration
20. Strabismus	Surgical correction; limited orthoptic training
21. Sympathetic ophthalmia, threatened	Enucleation

Orthoptic training and postoperative lenses, including contact lenses, allowed as indicated in above conditions.

**I. MISCELLANEOUS**

<b><u>Defect</u></b>	<b><u>Treatment</u></b>
1. Alopecia	Artificial restoration (wigs or partial toupe)
2. Anemia, congenital hemolytic	Splenectomy

**MISCELLANEOUS** (cont.)

**Defect**

**Treatment**

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| 3.  | Bilirubinemia of unknown etology (bilirubin over 20mg. per cent)  | Complete replacement transfusion                         |
| 4.  | Chest, congenital malformations of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Grooves</li><li>b. Funnel Chest</li><li>c. Pigeon Breast</li></ul>  | Surgical correction                                      |
| 5.  | Cleft Lip   | Surgical correction                                      |
| 6.  | Cleft Palate  | Surgical repair; obturators; speech therapy              |
| 7.  | Cysts, congenital <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Branchial Cleft Cyst</li><li>b. Dermoid Cyst</li><li>c. Pilonidal Cyst</li><li>d. Thyroglossal Cyst</li></ul>  | Surgical excision  |
| 8.  | Dento-facial abnormalities (congenital or post-traumatic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Macrognathia</li><li>b. Micrognathia</li><li>c. Prognathism</li><li>d. Temporomandibular ankylosis</li><li>e. Others</li></ul> | Plastic surgery; orthodontic correction                  |
| 9.  | Erythroblastosis foetalis   | <u>Complete</u> replacement transfusion                  |
|     | RH Factor or ABO incompatibility  | Partial replacements <u>only</u> if following incomplete |
| 10. | Gynecomastia, male or female  | Plastic correction                                       |

**MISCELLANEOUS (cont.)**

**Defect**

**Treatment**

**11. Hernias, all types below**

**Surgical correction**

- a. Diaphragmatic**
- b. Femoral**
- c. Inguinal**
- d. Omphalocele**
- e. Umbilical (selected cases)**
- f. Ventral**

**12. Blood Dyscrasias**

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**Diagnosis, evaluation for therapy  
and management, including drugs.**

**13. Diabetes Mellitus**

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**14. Cystic Fibrosis (mucoviscidosis  
Including meconium ileus)**

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**15. Malignant Disease - all types**

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**16. Renal Disease - chronic**

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**17. Chronic Granulomatous Disease**

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**19. Congenital Hypothyroidism**

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1. **Acute fractures**
2. **Albers-Schonberg Disease - Tx of chronic and acute complications are allowable**
3. **Allergic Disease – except individuals who have had an anaphylactoid reaction**
4. **Amyotonia congenita (limited services outlined in footnote are available to cases definitely arrested for one year) occupational and physical therapies OK if not covered by Early Intervention**
5. **Arthritis (other than rheumatoid, Still's Disease and Tuberculosis) chronic only, not acute**
6. **Behavior disorders**
7. **Bursitis**
8. **Colitis - chronic can be covered**
9. **Emotional disorders**
10. **Empyema**
11. **Encephalitis - (late effects can be covered)**
12. **Malnutrition to prevent disability - but D&E is allowed to diagnose malabsorption**
13. **Meningitis**
14. **Mental retardation per se (refer to Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities)**
15. **Microcephaly and Macrocephaly**
16. **Tuberculosis (except for bone)**
17. **Vitamin deficiencies - unless due to chronic malabsorption**

**NOTE: General systemic treatment for these basic conditions not approvable. However, orthopedic appliances and similar limited services may be allowable in selected cases.**