



# Service Policy Manual

## Clinical and Medical Services

Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) assumes responsibility for providing or paying for the clinical evaluation services necessary to determine an individual's eligibility for regional center services. Clinical diagnostic and assessment services are provided by qualified professionals who are contracted to:

- Determine if there is the presence of a substantially disabling condition associated with one or more of the following: mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy or a disabling condition closely related to mental retardation or requiring treatment similar to that required by individuals with mental retardation.
- Determine if there is a need for supplemental services (i.e., durable medical equipment, counseling, conservatorships, etc.).

The general health care needs of consumers are similar to the needs of all members of the community. ACRC may purchase clinical, medical and dental services for either minor or adult consumers when the treatment need is associated with or results from the developmental disability and all alternative sources of payment and provision of care have been explored and found to be unavailable to the consumer. These sources include, but are not limited to: private insurance, MediCal, California Children's Services (CCS), Medicare, ChamPUS, county clinics and medical centers, health departments, charitable organizations, and mental health agencies.

For children under the age of three, ACRC may use private insurance as a generic service only if there is no cost to the family as a result of its use.

The ACRC Executive Director may review and authorize an exception(s) if warranted by individual circumstances.