

There are two separate groups of children served in the Medical Therapy Program.

A. Children with diagnosed neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, or muscular diseases are eligible, as follows:

1. Cerebral palsy, a gross nonprogressive neuromuscular disability of early onset, resulting from a pathological lesion in the brain, manifested by the presence of one or more of the following findings:
 - a. rigidity or spasticity
 - b. hypotonia with normal or increased DTRs and exaggeration of or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond the normal age
 - c. involuntary movements (athetoid, choreoid, or dystonic)
 - d. ataxia (incoordination of voluntary movement, dysdiadochokinesis, intention tremor, reeling or shaking of trunk and head, staggering or stumbling, and broad-based gait)
2. Other neuromuscular diseases that produce muscle weakness and atrophy, such as poliomyelitis, myasthenias, and muscular dystrophies.
3. Chronic musculoskeletal diseases, deformities or injuries, such as osteogenesis imperfecta, arthrogryposis, rheumatoid arthritis, amputation, and contractures resulting from burns.

B. Children below three years of age who demonstrate neurological findings that suggest a high probability of a physical disability but who have no obvious or visible diagnosed neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, or muscular disease. These children are eligible when two or more of the following neurologic findings are present:

1. Exaggerations of or persistence of primitive reflexes beyond the normal age (corrected for prematurity).
2. Increased DTRs (3+ or greater)
3. Abnormal posturing
4. Hypotonicity with normal or increased DTRs in infants below one year of age. (Infants above one year must meet criteria described in A.1)
5. Asymmetry of neurologic motor findings of trunk and/or extremities.