
CHAPTER 30: PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

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EPSDT – PCS OVERVIEW

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) established a program that provides Personal Care Services (PCS) to beneficiaries up to age 21 years meeting medically necessary criteria for these services. For purposes of this manual hereafter, the services offered under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) PCS program are provided by a Medicaid enrolled agency that has a valid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) - Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Module License issued by LDH.

The EPSDT – PCS program, by definition, does not include any medical tasks such as medication administration, tracheostomy care, feeding tubes, or catheters. If such tasks are necessary, they must be requested under either the Home Health program or, if the beneficiary is certified for HCBS, through the waiver program. BHSF will not accept the physician's delegation for EPSDT – PCS providers to perform such medical tasks.