
CHAPTER 45: PEDIATRIC DAY HEALTH CARE

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The Louisiana Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) program is designed to provide an array of services to meet the medical, social and developmental needs of medically fragile children with complex medical conditions up to the age of 21. These children generally require nursing services and other therapeutic interventions for all or part of the day due to their medically complex condition. PDHC is to serve as a community based alternative to long term care and extended in-home nursing care. PDHC services are covered by Medicaid when a parent is not available for providing appropriate care due to employment, attending school or having a medical/mental condition that would prevent them from providing that care for the child. All PDHC services must be prior authorized. Services may be provided seven days a week and up to 12 hours per day for qualified Medicaid recipients as documented in the plan of care.