
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 from birth up to 21 years of age. 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 does not provide respite care and it is not intended to be an auxiliary (back-up) for respite care. 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.