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**CHAPTER 45: PEDIATRIC DAY HEALTH CARE**

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**RECIPIENT CRITERIA**

In order to receive PDHC services, a recipient must meet all of the following criteria:

- Louisiana Medicaid eligible;
- Age birth to 21 years;
- Require nursing supervision and may require therapeutic interventions all or part of the day, due to a medically complex condition;
- Have a medically fragile condition, defined as a medically complex condition characterized by multiple, significant medical problems that require extended care. Examples of medically fragile conditions include: Severe lung disease requiring oxygen; severe lung disease requiring ventilator or tracheotomy care; complicated spina bifida; heart disease; malignancy; asthmatic exacerbations; cystic fibrosis exacerbations; neuromuscular disease; encephalopathies; seizure disorders;
- Stable for outpatient medical services;
- Parent non-availability. Medicaid covered PDHC services can be provided when a parent or guardian is not available for providing appropriate care due to employment, attending school, or having a medical or mental condition that would prevent him from providing care for the child. It is not intended to be respite care;
- Signed physician's order for Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) by the recipient's physician. A face-to-face evaluation must be held each year by the physician for each recipient.