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**DEFINITIONS****Medically Complex**

An individual who has one or more chronic diseases or conditions which requires daily, ongoing, intermittent care or monitoring by health care professionals

**Medically Fragile**

An individual who has a medically complex condition characterized by multiple, significant medical problems that require extended care.

**Medically Necessary**

Medicaid reimburses for services that are determined medically necessary, do not duplicate another provider's service, and meets the following conditions:

- Be necessary to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability, or to alleviate severe pain;
- Be individualized, specific and consistent with symptoms or confirmed diagnosis of the illness or injury under treatment, and not in excess of the patient's needs;
- Be consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards as determined by the Medicaid program and not experimental or investigational;
- Be reflective of the level of service that can be safely furnished, and for which no equally effective and more conservative or less costly treatment is available statewide; and
- Be furnished in a manner not primarily intended for the convenience of the recipient, the recipient's caretaker, or the provider.

The fact that a provider has prescribed, recommended, or approved medical or allied care, goods, or service does not, in itself, make such care, goods, or services medically necessary or a medical necessity or a covered service.

**Parent**

The individual who has legal custody of the child is considered the parent.

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**Plan of Care**

The comprehensive plan developed by the PDHC facility for each child to receive services for implementation of medical, nursing, psychosocial, developmental, and educational therapies.

**Prescribing Physician**

A physician currently licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana, who signs the order admitting the child to the PDHC facility; maintains overall responsibility for the child's medical management; and is available for consultation and collaboration with the pediatric day health care staff.