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DEFINITIONS**Medically Complex Condition**

A medically complex condition involves one or more physiological or organ systems and requires skilled nursing care and therapeutic interventions performed by a knowledgeable or experienced licensed professional, registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) on an ongoing basis to preserve and maintain health status, prevent death, treat/cure disease, ameliorate disabilities or other adverse health conditions and/or prolong life.

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, more integrated 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 services, does not in itself make such care, goods or services medically necessary, or a covered service.

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Parent

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

Plan of Care

The comprehensive plan developed by the pediatric day health care (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 PDHC staff.