
CHAPTER 45: PEDIATRIC DAY HEALTH CARE

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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:

1. Necessary to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability or to alleviate severe pain;
2. 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;
3. Consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards as determined by the Medicaid program and not experimental or investigational;
4. 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
5. Furnished in a manner not primarily intended for the convenience of the beneficiary, the beneficiary'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.

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

Plan of Care (POC): 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 meets the following criteria:

1. Signs the order admitting the child to the PDHC facility;
2. Maintains overall responsibility for the child's medical management; and
3. Is available for consultation and collaboration with the PDHC staff.