



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Health Plan Advisory # 12-7 April 25, 2012

Clarification Regarding PEDIATRIC DAY HEALTH CARE (PDHC) Service

We have received questions from the two Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) providers regarding claim denials and other issues relative to the service for Bayou Health members. The purpose of this Advisory is to provide additional information regarding the Program—most importantly, the **transportation** benefit, which is a part of PDHC rather than a service within the Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Program. **It is not appropriate for Bayou Health Plans to require that PDHC providers enroll as providers with their transportation sub-contractor.**

PDHC services, subsequent to CMS approval of the State Plan Amendment, actually began in January of 2012. As of 3.31.12, a total of 38 recipients have received PDHC services through the two currently enrolled providers which are both located in Baton Rouge. The service is designed to meet the medical, social and developmental needs of medically fragile children with medically complex conditions from birth up to the age of 21. The PDHC is an alternative to long term care and in-home nursing care.

Requirements

In order to be eligible for PDHC services, the Medicaid recipient must require nursing supervision and possibly therapeutic interventions due to a medically complex condition. Medically complex conditions include but are not limited to severe lung disease (oxygen is required, or ventilator or tracheotomy care); complicated spina bifida; heart disease; malignancy, asthmatic exacerbation, cystic fibrosis exacerbations, neuromuscular disease, encephalopathy, and seizure disorders.

Prior Authorization is required by the Bayou Health Plan. Plans may choose to utilize the DHH Physician's Order for PDHC /POC Form located at the following website:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Forms/Physicians_Order_PDHC_PDHC.pdf

Covered Services

Nursing, respiratory care; physical, speech and occupational therapy, PCS services; and transportation. **Transportation may be provided by the PDHC provider at fee listed below. Besides the driver, one trained staff member on the needs of each child shall be required when transporting child.** Parents may provide their own transportation as well. PDHC services may be provided up to 12 hours daily, 7 days a week.

Service Fees

- Full day of service – minimum 4 hours up to 12 hours - Procedure Code T1025 per day - \$305.00/day
- Hourly services - up to 4 hours - Procedure Code T1026 - \$43.62/hour
- Transportation - Procedure Code T2002 - \$30.53/day (round trip)

Providers

PDHC providers are licensed by DHH Health Standards. Currently there are only two providers—both located in in Baton Rouge—that have been approved as PDHC facilities: Peditria Health Care for Kids and Pediatric Health Choices.

Billing

- Provider type = 04 and Provider Specialty = 1Z
- Providers bill claim type = 04, using 837P/CMS 1500

NOTE: Transportation is included as part of the daily services, and may be provided as indicated above. The Program was designed so that the PDHCs do not have to enroll as a NEMT as they provide transportation only to this population and for this service. During the approval process for the State Plan Amendment to add the service, CMS requested that DHH separate the transportation per diem for reporting purposes. This transportation procedure code is not the same code used by the NEMT providers, as it is a per diem code specific to PDHC.