



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Health Plan Advisory 12-7 Revised March 7, 2014

Clarification Regarding Pediatric Day Health Care (PDHC) Service

The purpose of this advisory is to provide additional information regarding the PDHC Program and to confirm policy changes that are not yet reflected in published rule and policy. It is anticipated that the published rule and policy will be updated in March 2014, but Health Plans should be in compliance at this time based on this advisory and previous guidance from DHH.

PDHC services, subsequent to CMS approval of the State Plan Amendment, began in January of 2012. The service is designed to meet the medical, social and developmental needs of 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. PDHC providers are licensed by DHH Health Standards and enrolled in Medicaid as provider type 04 and provider Specialty 1Z.

Covered Services: PDHC services may be provided up to 12 hours daily, 7 days a week and include nursing, respiratory care; physical, speech and occupational therapy, some PCS services; and transportation. The **transportation** benefit 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.** Parents may also choose to provide their own transportation.

Authorization Requirements: In order to be eligible for PDHC services, the Medicaid recipient must require nursing supervision and possibly therapeutic interventions such as OT, PT, and/or ST due to a medically complex condition. The determination of approval or denial for services must be based on medical necessity and may consider other services currently provided or available to the member. **“Parent availability” cannot be used as a factor in the determination of authorizations for PDHC services.**

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

For complete PDHC policy, refer to the PDHC Provider Manual located at:
<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/PDHC/PDHC.pdf>