

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES  
PROVIDED

LIMITATIONS OF THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED  
MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION  
42 CFR 441.57,  
Section 1905 of the  
Act, Section 6403 of  
OBRA 1989

Medical and Remedial  
Care and Services  
Item 4.b.

**Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment of Individuals  
Under 21 Years of Age**

The State will provide other health care described in Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act that is found to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate defects as well as physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening service even when such health care is not otherwise covered under the State Plan.

**Eye-glass Service**

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) eyeglasses are limited to three pair per year with provision for extending if medically necessary.

**Personal Care Services**

Personal Care Services (PCS) – EPSDT Personal Care Services are medically necessary services provided when physical or cognitive limitations, due to illness or injury, necessitate assistance with eating, toileting, bathing, bed mobility, transferring, dressing, locomotion, personal hygiene, and bladder or bowel requirements.

**1. General Requirements**

Conditions for provision of EPSDT Personal Care Services (PCS) are as follows:

- a. The beneficiary must be a categorically eligible Medicaid beneficiary aged birth through twenty years (EPSDT eligible) and have EPSDT personal care services prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan of treatment or (at the option of the State) otherwise authorized for the individual in accordance with a service plan approved by the State;
- b. An EPSDT eligible beneficiary must meet medical necessity criteria as determined by the Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF);

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- c. EPSDT Personal Care Services shall be prior authorized by the BHSF or its designee;
- d. EPSDT Personal Care Services shall be furnished in a home, and at the State's option, in another location;
- e. Personal Care Services shall be authorized only when provided by a licensed Personal Care Service (PCS) agency which is duly enrolled as a Louisiana provider and a provider enrolled in the trade areas of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas; and
- f. Provided by an individual who meets the following qualifications:
  - 1. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time the offer of employment is made;
  - 2. Must have the ability to read and write in English as well as to carry out directions promptly and accurately; and
  - 3. Must pass a criminal background check.

The following persons are prohibited from serving as the direct service worker for the beneficiary: the beneficiary's father, mother, sister/brother, in-law, grandparent, child, spouse, curator, tutor, legal guardian, beneficiary's responsible representative, or person to whom the recipient has given Representative and Mandate authority (Power of Attorney).

The Bureau has mechanisms in place to monitor the quality of the services provided. These include, but are not limited to, review of critical incident reports and quarterly meetings to review and address any quality assurance issues that have been identified.

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- g. Current procedure codes must be used to identify services. Time units shall be those defined by the current procedure code, not including travel time. The entire time submitted must be spent providing services to the beneficiary. Units of service approved shall be based on the physical or cognitive limitations of the beneficiary and medical necessity for the covered services in the EPSDT-PCS program.

2. **Services**

EPSDT Personal Care Services (PCS) include the following:

- a. Basic personal care, including toileting, grooming, bathing, and assistance with dressing.
- b. Assistance with bladder and/or bowel requirements or problems, including helping the beneficiary to and from the bathroom or assisting the beneficiary with bedpan routines, but excluding catheterization.
- c. Assistance with eating and food, nutrition, and diet activities, including preparation of meals for the beneficiary only.
- d. Performance of incidental household services essential to the beneficiary's health and comfort in his/her home. This does not include routine household chores such as regular laundry, ironing, mopping, dusting, etc., but instead arises as the result of provided assistance with personal care to the beneficiary. Examples of such activities are changing and washing bed linens used by the beneficiary and rearranging furniture to enable the beneficiary to move about more easily in his/her own home.
- e. Accompanying, not transporting, the beneficiary to and from his/her physician and/or medical facility for necessary medical services.
- f. Remind/prompt an EPSDT eligible beneficiary who is over the age of 18 about self-administered medication.

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3. **Non-Covered Services**

EPSDT Personal Care Services (PCS) do not include the following:

- a. EPSDT Personal Care Services to meet child care needs or as a substitute for the parent in the absence of the parent shall **not** be authorized by Medicaid or billed by the provider;
- b. PCS services for the purpose of providing respite care to the primary care giver shall **not** be authorized by Medicaid or billed by the provider;
- c. EPSDT Personal Care Services provided in an educational setting shall not be reimbursed if these services duplicate services that are provided by or must be provided by the Department of Education;
- d. Personal Care Services under the EPSDT PCS program shall **not** be provided in an institutional setting. Services provided in an institution (such as a hospital, institution for mental disease(s), nursing facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or residential treatment center) are **not** reimbursable under this section of the Plan;
- e. Dates of care not included in the Plan of Care or provided prior to approval of the Plan of Care or which have not been timely re-authorized by BHSF, are **not** reimbursable;
- f. Insertion and sterile irrigation of catheters (although changing of a catheter bag is allowable);
- g. Irrigation of any body cavity which requires sterile procedures;
- h. Application of dressing, involving prescription medication and aseptic techniques, including care of mild, moderate or severe skin problems;
- i. Administration of intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular or intravenous injections;
- j. Administration of medicine;

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- k. Domestic chores other than those incidental to the care of the beneficiary such as cleaning of floor and furniture in an area not occupied by the beneficiary, and laundry other than that incidental to the care of the beneficiary;
- l. Skilled nursing services, as defined in the State Nurse Practice Act, including medical observation, recording of vital signs, teaching of diet and/or administration of medications/injections, or other delegated nursing tasks;
- m. Teaching a family member or friend how to care for a patient who requires frequent changes of clothing or linens due to total or partial incontinence for which no bowel or bladder training program for the patient is possible;
- n. Specialized nursing procedures such as insertion of nasogastric feeding tube, in-dwelling catheter, tracheostomy care, colostomy care, ileostomy care, venipuncture and/or injections;
- o. Rehabilitative services such as those administered by a physical therapist;
- p. Teaching a family member or friend techniques for providing specific care;
- q. Palliative skin care with medicated creams and ointments and/or required routine changes of surgical dressings and/or dressing changes due to chronic conditions;
- r. Teaching of signs and symptoms of disease process, diet and medications of any new or exacerbated disease process;
- s. Specialized aide procedures such as the following:
  - i) rehabilitation of the patient (exercise or performance of simple procedures as an extension of physical therapy services);
  - ii) measuring/recording patient vital signs (temperature, pulse, respirations and/or blood pressure, etc.) or intake/output of fluids;

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- iii) specimen collection;
- iv) special procedures such as non-sterile dressings, special skin care (non-medicated), decubitus ulcers, cast care, assisting with ostomy care, assisting with catheter care, testing urine for sugar and acetone, breathing exercises, weight measurement, and enemas;
- t. Home IV therapy;
- u. Custodial care or provision of only instrumental activities of daily living tasks or provision of only one (1) activity of daily living task;
- v. Occupational therapy, speech pathology services, audiology services, and respiratory therapy;
- w. Personal comfort items, durable medical equipment, oxygen, orthotic appliances or prosthetic devices;
- x. Drugs provided through the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program;
- y. Laboratory services; and
- z. Social Worker visits.

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**Dental Services**

Louisiana Medicaid provides coverage of dental services to beneficiaries under 21 years of age. Covered dental service categories are as follows:

- (a) Category I – Diagnostic and preventive
- (b) Category II – Basic dental
- (c) Category III – Major dental
- (d) Category IV – Orthodontic

The EPSDT benefit provides a comprehensive array of prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for low-income infants, children and adolescents under age 21, as specified in section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

Any limitations on services for children under age 21 may be exceeded based on medical necessity, as specified in 1905(a) of the Act.

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Item 4.b., EPSDT Services (cont'd)

Chiropractic Services

Chiropractic services consist of manual manipulation of the spine provided by a licensed chiropractor, in accordance with 42 CFR 440.60(b).

Covered Services

Beneficiaries age five through twenty years of age, may receive chiropractic services for a maximum of twelve different dates of service per fiscal year without prior authorization when the service is provided as a result of a referral from a licensed EPSDT medical screening provider. Coverage of each session beyond 12 visits requires a referral from a licensed EPSDT medical screening provider and prior authorization.

Beneficiaries from birth through four years of age are eligible to receive chiropractic care services only if each date of service is prior authorized by the fiscal intermediary. Requests to treat a child under four years of age must be received and prior authorized before the first treatment is administered.

Any limitations on services for children under age 21 may be exceeded based on medical necessity.

The State assures that the same medical necessity criteria are applied to all children, regardless of age.



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**Item 4.b, EPSDT services (continued)**

**Licensed Mental Health Professional**  
**42 CFR 440.60 - Other Licensed Professionals**

A licensed mental health professional (LMHP) is an individual who is licensed in the State of Louisiana to diagnose and treat mental illness or substance use disorders. LMHPs include the following individuals licensed to practice independently:

1. Medical Psychologists;
2. Licensed Psychologists;
3. Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs);
4. Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs);
5. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs);
6. Licensed Addiction Counselors (LACs); and
7. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) - must be a nurse practitioner specialist in Adult Psychiatric Mental Health, and Family Psychiatric and Mental Health, or a Certified Nurse Specialist in Psychosocial, Gerontological Psychiatric Mental Health, Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health and Child-Adolescent Mental Health, and may practice to the extent that services are within the APRN's scope of practice.

**Service Exclusions**

The following services shall be excluded from Medicaid coverage:

1. Components that are not provided to, or directed exclusively toward the treatment of, Medicaid eligible children and youth;
2. Services provided at a work site which are job tasks oriented and not directly related to the treatment of the needs of children and youth;
3. Any services or components in which the basic nature are to supplant housekeeping, homemaking, or basic services for the convenience of children and youth receiving services;
4. Services rendered in an institution for mental disease (IMD), other than a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) or an inpatient psychiatric hospital; and
5. The cost of room and board associated with crisis stabilization.

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**EPSDT Rehabilitation Services**  
**42 CFR 440.130(d)**

Services to the beneficiary's family and significant others are for the direct benefit of the beneficiary, in accordance with the beneficiary's needs and treatment goals identified in the beneficiary's treatment plan, and for the purpose of assisting in the beneficiary's recovery.

All services must be recommended by a physician or licensed mental health professional, within the scope of his or her practice under State law.

**Service Descriptions**

- 1. Therapeutic Services:** Individualized therapeutic interventions, including assessment, medication management, individual, family, and group therapy, and psychological testing, focus on the maximum reduction of mental disability and restoration to his/her best possible functional level.

Assessment: This service is a comprehensive evaluation of an individual's physical, mental, and emotional health, including issues related to mental health and substance use, along with their ability to function within a community in order to determine service needs and formulate recommendations for treatment. Psychological tests may be utilized during assessment services in order to determine an individual's recommended treatment plan.

Medication Management: Goal-oriented interactions to assess the appropriateness of medications in an individual's treatment; periodically evaluating and re-evaluating the efficacy of the prescribed medications; and providing ongoing management of a medication regimen within the context of an individual's treatment plan.

Individual, Family, and Group Therapy: A structured, goal-oriented therapeutic process in which an individual, group, or family interacts with a qualified provider in accordance with the individuals' treatment plan to resolve problems related to a mental illness, serious emotional disorder and/or substance use disorder that interferes with the individual's or family's functioning and adjustment. Counseling to the beneficiary's family is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary, in accordance with the beneficiary's needs and treatment goals identified in the beneficiary's treatment plan, and for the purpose of assisting in the beneficiary's recovery.

**Components**

1. Ongoing assessment of current risk and presenting problem.
2. Assistance in implementing social, interpersonal, self-care, and/or independent living skills as outlined in the treatment plan in order to restore stability, support functional gains, and/or adapt to community living.
3. Assessing progress toward achievement of treatment goals, and adapting emotional and behavioral management interventions commensurate with progress.

**Provider Qualifications**

Therapeutic services may be provided by an LMHP, as defined above, a provisionally licensed

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professional counselor (PLPC), provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist (PLMFT), or licensed master social worker (LMSW) in good standing in the state of Louisiana to practice within the scope of all applicable state laws, practice acts, and the practitioner's professional license. PLPCs, PLMFTs, and LMSWs shall be supervised in accordance with requirements established by the practitioner's professional licensing board. Any licensed practitioner providing behavioral health services shall operate within the scope of practice of their license.

2. **Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST)** is a comprehensive service which focuses on reducing the disability resulting from mental illness, restoring functional skills of daily living, building natural supports and achieving identified person-centered goals or objectives through counseling, clinical psycho-education, and ongoing monitoring needs as set forth in the individualized treatment plan. Services must be provided in locations that meet the needs of the persons served.

The assessment and treatment planning components of CPST must be rendered by a licensed mental health professional (LMHP).

**Development of a treatment plan:** includes an agreement with the individual and family members (or other collateral contacts) on the specific strengths and needs, resources, natural supports and individual goals and objectives for that person. The overarching focus is to utilize the personal strengths, resources, and natural supports to reduce functional deficits associated with their mental illness and increase restoration of independent functioning. The agreement should also include developing a crisis management plan.

**Provider Qualifications**

To qualify as a CPST agency, the agency must be licensed as a behavioral health service provider by the Louisiana Department of Health and must obtain a preliminary accreditation or be fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the Council on Accreditation (COA), or The Joint Commission (TJC). Individuals rendering CPST services must operate under an agency license.

CPST services shall be rendered by one of the following:

1. Licensed Mental Health Professionals (LMHP)
2. Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC)
3. Provisionally Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PLMFT)
4. Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)
5. Certified Social Worker (CSW)
6. Psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program.

All CPST practitioners, except LMHPs, must deliver services under regularly scheduled supervision in accordance with requirements established by the practitioner's professional licensing board.

3. **Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)** services are designed to assist children and youth with compensating for or eliminating functional deficits and interpersonal and/or environmental barriers associated with their mental illness and restoring functional skills of daily living. Activities included must be intended to achieve the identified goals or objectives as set forth in the individualized treatment plan.

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The intent of psychosocial rehabilitation is to restore the fullest possible integration of children and youth as active and productive members of his/ her family, community, and/or culture with the least amount of ongoing professional intervention. PSR is a face-to-face intervention provided individually or in a group setting. Most PSR contacts may occur in the community or locations where the child or youth lives, works, attends school, and/or socializes.

**Components**

1. Restoration, rehabilitation and support of social and interpersonal skills to increase community tenure, enhance personal relationships, establish support networks, increase community awareness, coping strategies and effective functioning in the individual's social environment, including home, work and school.
2. Restoration, rehabilitation and support of daily living skills to improve self-management of the negative effects of psychiatric or emotional symptoms that interfere with a person's daily living. Supporting the individual with daily living skills and daily routines necessary to remain in home, school, work and community.
3. Skills restoration includes the practice and reinforcement of independent living skills, use of community resources and daily self-care routines. The primary focus is to increase the basic skills that promote independent functioning so the member can remain in a natural community location and achieve developmentally appropriate functioning, and assisting the member with effectively responding to or avoiding identified precursors or triggers that result in functional impairment.

**Provider Qualifications**

To qualify as a PSR agency, the agency must be licensed as a behavioral health service provider by the Louisiana Department of Health and must obtain a preliminary accreditation or be fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the Council on Accreditation (COA), or The Joint Commission (TJC). Individuals rendering PSR services must operate under an agency license.

Any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency must meet the following qualifications:

1. Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, sociology, rehabilitation services, special education, early childhood education, secondary education, family and consumer sciences, criminal justice or human growth and development; or any bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a minor in counseling social work, sociology, or psychology or
2. Be 21 years of age or older as of January 1, 2022, have a high school diploma or equivalency, and have been continuously employed by a PSR provider agency since prior to January 1, 2019.

Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR) Specialists rendering PSR services may be licensed or unlicensed behavioral health specialists meeting state requirements to provide PSR services. All MHR specialists who are not licensed must receive regularly scheduled clinical supervision from a person meeting the qualifications of an LMHP with experience regarding this specialized mental health service.

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4. **Crisis Intervention (CI)** is provided to a children and youth who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis, designed to interrupt and/or ameliorate a crisis experience including a preliminary assessment, immediate crisis resolution and de-escalation, and referral and linkage to appropriate community services to avoid more restrictive levels of treatment.

The goals of Crisis Interventions are symptom reduction, stabilization, and restoration to a previous level of functioning. All activities must occur within the context of a potential or actual psychiatric crisis. Crisis Intervention is a face-to-face intervention and can occur in a variety of locations, including an emergency room or clinic setting, in addition to other community locations where the child or youth lives, works, attends school, and/or socializes.

**Provider Qualifications**

To qualify as a CI agency, the agency must be licensed as a behavioral health service provider by the Louisiana Department of Health and be accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the Department.

Agencies providing CI services must be fully accredited or have applied for accreditation by an accrediting organization approved by the Department prior to providing CI services. Agencies are allowed to render CI services prior to attaining full accreditation; however, agencies must have applied for full accreditation by an accrediting organization approved by the Department, and must attain full accreditation status within 18 months of the initial accreditation application date. Agencies must maintain continuous, uninterrupted accreditation.

CI Specialists rendering CI services must operate under an agency licensed to provide mental health services. CI Specialists rendering CI services may be licensed or unlicensed behavioral health specialists meeting state and federal qualifications and requirements to provide CI services. At a minimum, CI Specialists rendering CI services must be at least 20 years old and have an associate's degree in social work, counseling, psychology or a related human services field, or two years of equivalent education and/or experience working in the human services field. Additionally, the provider must be at least three years older than children and youth under the age of 18. The assessment of risk, mental status and medical stability must be completed by an LMHP with experience regarding this specialized mental health service, practicing within the scope of their professional license.

Unlicensed CI Specialists must receive regularly scheduled clinical supervision from a person meeting the qualifications of an LMHP with experience regarding this specialized mental health service.

5. **Crisis Stabilization (CS)** services are short-term and intensive supportive resources for children and youth, and their family. The intent of this service is to provide an out-of-home crisis stabilization option for the family in order to avoid psychiatric inpatient and institutional treatment of children and youth by responding to potential crisis situations.

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The goal is to support children, youth and family in ways that will address current acute and/or chronic mental health needs and coordinate a successful return to the family setting at the earliest possible time. During the time the crisis stabilization is supporting the child or youth, there is regular contact with the family to prepare for the child's/youth's return and his/her ongoing needs as part of the family. It is expected that the children and youth, family and crisis stabilization provider are integral members of the treatment team.

To qualify as a CS agency, the agency must be licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health as a Center-Based Respite Care Agency under the Home and Community Based Service Provider license or as a Crisis Receiving Center.

CS services also work in partnership with the child's/youth's other community-based providers and the custodial agency (for children and youth in state custody). CS services allow children and youth to benefit from a community-based setting while receiving additional intensive treatment and clinical services as needed. The child or youth must require a service that includes direct monitoring by professional behavioral health staff that would not be able to be provided by a less restrictive service.

**Provider Qualifications**

Services must be provided by an agency licensed by LDH. CS Specialists rendering CS services may be licensed or unlicensed behavioral health specialists. CS Specialists providing CS services must use clinical programming and a training curriculum approved by LDH. Unlicensed CS Specialists must receive regularly scheduled clinical supervision from a person meeting the qualifications of an LMHP with experience regarding this specialized mental health service.

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**6. Mobile Crisis Response (MCR)** services are an initial or emergent crisis response intended to provide relief, resolution and intervention through crisis supports and services during the first phase of a crisis in the community. The main objectives of MCR services are to provide rapid response, individual assessment and crisis resolution by trained professionals and paraprofessionals in situations that involve individuals who are presumed or known to have a mental health condition. MCR is a face-to-face (in person), time-limited service provided to a member who is experiencing a mental health or substance use disorders crisis until the member experiences sufficient relief/resolution and the member can remain in the community and return to existing services or be linked to alternative behavioral health services, which may include higher levels of treatment like inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.

MCR services shall be furnished by a two-person multidisciplinary mobile crisis team that includes one licensed professional who is capable of conducting an assessment of the individual and one unlicensed professional or peer support specialist. Both team members shall be actively involved in the crisis response.

MCR services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. MCR services will be provided in a timely manner and, where appropriate, provide screening and assessment; stabilization and de-escalation; and coordination with, and referrals to, health, social, and other services and supports as needed, and health services as needed. Services are provided where the member is located, including community-based settings or in emergency departments (ED). Services provided in EDs, hospitals, or other facility settings will not be eligible for enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) under Section 1947 of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, which was created by Section 9813 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Provider Qualifications**

MCR services may be provided by an agency licensed to provide behavioral health services. Agencies providing MCR services must be fully accredited by, or have applied for accreditation from, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the Council on Accreditation (COA), or The Joint Commission (TJC) prior to providing MCR services. Agencies are allowed to render MCR services prior to attaining full accreditation; however, agencies must have applied for full accreditation, and must attain full accreditation status within 18 months of the initial accreditation application date. Agencies must maintain continuous, uninterrupted accreditation.

MCR agencies must maintain relationships with relevant community partners, including but not limited to:

1. local governing entities (LGEs);
2. medical and behavioral health providers;
3. primary care providers;
4. emergency responders and law enforcement;
5. local and parish governments;
6. community health centers;
7. crisis respite centers; and
8. managed care organizations.

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MCR agencies will maintain the privacy and confidentiality of patient information consistent with Federal and State requirements.

**Staffing Requirements**

MCR agencies shall comply with core staffing requirements within the scope of practice of the license required for the facility or agency to practice in the state of Louisiana.

The provider's MCR service shall have the following staff:

1. Licensed professionals that possess a current, valid and unrestricted license in the State of Louisiana and are qualified to conduct assessments, in accordance with the professional's permitted scope of practice.

Licensed professionals include the following:

- a. Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP);
  - b. Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC);
  - c. Provisionally Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PLMFT); and
  - d. Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW).
2. Unlicensed professionals of MCR services must meet the following requirements:
    - a. Be at least twenty-four (24) years old; and
    - b. Possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree (preferred) OR an associate's degree and two (2) years of work experience in the human services field.
  3. Peer Support Specialists (PSS) and Family Peer Support Specialists (FPSS) must have lived experience with mental illness and/or substance use disorders or lived experience as the parent or caregiver of a child with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. The PSS and FPSS must successfully complete a required peer training and credentialing program approved by the Office of Behavioral Health. This includes ongoing completion of continuing education requirements consistent with Louisiana requirements for peer support. A peer or family peer support specialist must receive regularly scheduled clinical supervision from a Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP). LMHP supervisors must have the practice-specific education, experience, training, credentials, and licensure to coordinate an array of behavioral health services.

Individuals providing MCR services must be trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction prior to rendering services.



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**CITATION** **Rehabilitation Services**

**42 CFR 440.130(d)**

**4. Therapeutic Group Homes**

The Medicaid Program provides coverage under the Medicaid State Plan for behavioral health services rendered to children and youth in a therapeutic group home (TGH). Qualifying children and adolescents with an identified mental health or substance use diagnosis shall be eligible to receive behavioral health services rendered by a TGH. TGHs provide community-based residential services in a home-like setting of no greater than 10 beds under the supervision and program oversight of a psychiatrist or psychologist. These services shall be administered under the authority of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), in collaboration with managed care organizations (MCOs) and the Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) contractor for children and youth enrolled in the CSOC program, which shall be responsible for the necessary operational and administrative functions to ensure adequate service coordination and delivery. The specialized behavioral health services rendered shall be those services medically necessary to reduce the disability resulting from the illness and to restore the individual to his/her best possible functioning level in the community.

TGHs deliver an array of clinical and related services including:

**Psychiatric Supports and Therapeutic Services:**

Psychiatric supports and therapeutic services include medication management, individual counseling, group counseling, and family counseling. Interventions such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and other behavior interventions which are evidence-based practices are delivered by community-based providers, if clinically necessary. TGHs must incorporate at least one research-based approach pertinent to the sub-populations of TGH clients to be served by the specific program. Individual, group, and family therapy may be provided by master's level staff employed by the TGH as part of the daily rate. Preventing the duplication of these services by LMHP and non-LMHP staff is assured through monitoring of the authorized treatment plan. TGHs teach pro-social skills, anger management, illness education, and other daily living skills on the treatment plan.

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The psychiatrist or psychologist must provide 24-hour, on-call coverage, seven days per week. The psychologist or psychiatrist must see the client at least once, prescribe the type of care provided, and, if the services are not time-limited by the prescription, review the need for continued care every 28 days. Although the psychologist or psychiatrist does not have to be on the premises when his/her client is receiving covered services, the supervising practitioner must assume professional responsibility for the services provided and assure that the services are medically appropriate.

**Integration with Community Resources:**

Integration with community resources is an overarching goal of the TGH level of care, which is, in part, achieved through rules governing the location of the TGH facility, the physical space of the TGH facility, and the location of schooling for resident youth. The intention of the TGH level of care is to provide a 24-hour intensive treatment option for youth who need it, and to provide it in a location with more opportunities for community integration than can be found in other, more restrictive residential placements such as inpatient hospital psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs). To enhance community integration, TGHs must be located in residential communities in order to facilitate community integration through public education, recreation and maintenance of family connections. The facility is expected to provide recreational activities for all enrolled children, but not use Medicaid funding for payment of such non-Medicaid activities. To enhance community integration, TGH facilities must be located within a neighborhood in a community, must resemble a family home as much as possible, and resident youth must attend community schools (as opposed to being educated at a school located on the campus of an institution). This array of services including psychiatric supports, therapeutic services, and skill-building, prepares the youth to return back to their community.

**Skill-building:**

Skill-building includes services and supports that cultivate the child's or adolescent's ability to function successfully in the home and community. Based on the individual assessment, a treatment plan is developed that includes specific skills to be addressed to accomplish the indicated goals. Skill-building includes activities such as job seeking, study skills and social skills which assist with the development of skills for daily living, support success in the community settings, and assist with transitioning to adulthood.

Most often, targeted behaviors will relate directly to the child's or adolescent's ability to function successfully in the home and school environment (e.g., compliance with reasonable behavioral expectations; safe behavior and appropriate responses to social cues and conflicts).

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Treatment must:

- Focus on reducing the behavior and symptoms of the psychiatric disorder that necessitated the removal of the child or adolescent from his/her usual living situation;
- Decrease problem behavior and increase developmentally-appropriate, normative and pro-social behavior in children and adolescents who are in need of out-of-home placement; and
- Transition child or adolescent from therapeutic group home to home or community based living with outpatient treatment (e.g., individual and family therapy).

Less intensive levels of treatment must have been determined to be unsafe, unsuccessful or unavailable. The child must require active treatment that would not be able to be provided at a less restrictive level of care on a 24-hour basis with direct supervision/oversight by professional behavioral health staff. The setting must be ideally situated to allow ongoing participation of the child's family. In this setting, the child or adolescent remains involved in community-based activities and may attend a community educational, vocational program or other treatment setting.

Psychotropic medications should be used with specific target symptoms identification, with medical monitoring and 24-hour medical availability, when appropriate and relevant. Screening and assessment is required upon admission and every 28 days thereafter to track progress and revise the treatment plan to address any lack of progress and to monitor for current medical problems and concomitant substance use issues. Any services that exceed established limitations beyond the initial authorization must be approved for re-authorization prior to service delivery.

The individualized, strengths-based services and supports:

- Are identified in partnership with the child or adolescent and the family and support system, to the extent possible, and if developmentally appropriate;
- Are based on both clinical and functional assessments;
- Are clinically monitored and coordinated, with 24-hour availability;
- Are implemented with oversight from a licensed mental health professional; and
- Assist with the development of skills for daily living and support success in community settings, including home and school.

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The TGH is required to coordinate with the child’s or adolescent’s community resources, with the goal of transitioning the youth out of the program as soon as possible and appropriate.

For treatment planning, the program must use a standardized assessment and treatment planning tool such as the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS). The assessment protocol must differentiate across life domains, as well as risk and protective factors, sufficiently so that a treatment plan can be tailored to the areas related to the presenting problems of each youth and their family in order to ensure targeted treatment. The tool should also allow tracking of progress over time. The specific tools and approaches used by each program must be specified in the program description and are subject to approval by the State. In addition, the program must ensure that requirements for pretreatment assessment are met prior to treatment commencing. A TGH must ensure that youth are receiving appropriate therapeutic care to address assessed needs on the child’s treatment plan.

1. Therapeutic care may include treatment by TGH staff, as well as community providers.
2. Treatment provided in the TGH or in the community should incorporate research-based approaches appropriate to the child’s needs, whenever possible.

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For TGH facilities that specialize in caring for youth with sexually deviant behaviors, substance use disorders, or dually diagnosed individuals, the facility shall submit documentation to their contracted MCOs regarding the appropriateness of the research-based, trauma-informed programming and training, as well as compliance with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) level of care being provided.

For a TGH that does not offer specialized care, a TGH must incorporate at least one research-based approach pertinent to the sub-populations of TGH clients to be served by the specific program. The specific research-based model to be used should be incorporated into the program description and be approved by the Department. All research-based programming in TGH settings must be approved by the State. For milieu management, all programs should also incorporate some form of research-based, trauma-informed programming and training, if the primary research-based treatment model used by the program does not.

Provider Qualifications: A TGH must be licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the Commission of Accreditation (COA), or the Joint Commission. Denial, loss of, or any negative change in, accreditation status must be reported to their contracted MCOs in writing within the time limit established by the Department. . Staff must be supervised by a licensed mental health professional (supervising practitioner) with experience in evidence-based treatments and operating within their scope of practice license. Staff includes paraprofessional and bachelor’s level staff (who provide integration with community resources, skill building, and peer support services) and master’s level staff (who provide individual, group, and family therapy) with degrees in social work, counseling, psychology or a related human services field, with oversight by a psychologist or psychiatrist. A TGH must provide the minimum amount of active treatment hours established by the Department, and performed by qualified staff per week for each child, consistent with each child’s treatment plan and meeting assessed needs.

Direct care staff must be at least 18 years old, and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Additionally, the direct care staff must be at least three years older than an individual under the age of 18. Staffing schedules shall reflect overlap in shift hours to accommodate information exchange for continuity of youth treatment, adequate numbers of staff reflective of the tone of the unit, appropriate staff gender mix and the consistent presence and availability of professional staff. In addition, staffing schedules should ensure the presence and availability of professional staff on nights and weekends, when parents are available to participate in family therapy and to provide input on the treatment of their child.

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Service Exclusions:

The following services/components shall be excluded from Medicaid reimbursement:

1. components that are not provided to, or directed exclusively toward the treatment of, the Medicaid eligible individual;
2. services provided at a work site which are job tasks oriented and not directly related to the treatment of the recipient's needs;
3. any services or components in which the basic nature of which are to supplant housekeeping, homemaking, or basic services for the convenience of an individual receiving substance abuse services;
4. services rendered in an institution for mental disease;
5. room and board; and
6. supervision associated with the child's stay in the TGH.

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Item 4.b, EPSDT services (Cont'd)

**EPSDT Services Provided by Local Education Agencies**

Effective for dates of service on or after March 20, 2019, Medicaid shall provide coverage to eligible recipients for EPSDT services in schools, pursuant to §1905(a) of the Social Security Act which are addressed in a service plan and are medically necessary, that correct or ameliorate a child's health condition. Medically necessary EPSDT services are provided by or through local education agencies (LEAs) to children with or suspected of having disabilities who attend public school in Louisiana.

Services must be performed by qualified providers as set forth in the State Plan and who provide these services as part of their respective area of practice.

Services provided in a school setting will only be reimbursed for recipients who have been determined eligible for Title XIX and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B services with a written service plan which contains medically necessary services recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner, within the scope of his or her practice under state law.

**Service Exclusions**

1. These services are not covered if they are performed for educational purposes (e.g. academic testing) or as the result of the assessment and evaluation it is determined the service is not reflected in a service plan or not determined to be medically necessary.
2. Medicaid does not reimburse for social or educational needs.

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**Local Education Agency Responsibilities**

1. The LEA shall ensure that its licensed and unlicensed EPSDT service professionals are employed or contracted according to the requirements specified under the IDEA.
2. An LEA shall ensure that individual professional requirements are in compliance with Medicaid qualifications, Department of Education Bulletin 746, and Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel prior to an LEA billing for any services of a clinician under Medicaid.
3. Anyone providing EPSDT services must operate within their scope of practice license or certification under the supervision of a licensed practitioner. Licensed practitioners assume professional liability for unlicensed/certified practitioners under their supervision and within their scope of practice. The provider shall create and maintain documents to substantiate that all requirements are met.

**Other Licensed/Certified Practitioners**

In addition to licensed EPSDT providers, the following providers may provide services in schools under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT):

1. Licensed Master Social Workers or Certified Master Social Workers practicing under the supervision of a Licensed Social Worker; and
2. Certified School Psychologists practicing under the supervision of a licensed Psychologist.



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**EPSDT Early Intervention Services**

The Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) establishes early intervention services for Medicaid eligible infants and toddlers ages birth to three years who are enrolled to participate in Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These services can be provided in the following settings:

- 1) Natural Environment-which may include a child's home or settings in the community that are natural or normal for the child's age and peers who have no disabilities.
- 2) Special Purpose Facility-which includes children with no disabilities including child care center, nursery schools, preschools with at least 50% of the children with no disabilities or developmental delays.
- 3) Center-Based Special Purpose Facility-which is a facility where only children with disabilities or developmental delays are served.

**Covered Services**

Medicaid covered early intervention services shall include the following services:

physical therapy-rehabilitative services necessary for the treatment of illness or injury, or restoration and maintenance of function affected by illness or injury. Services provided by or under the direction of a licensed qualified physical therapist.

occupational therapy-treatment to improve or restore a function which has been impaired by illness or injury, or when the function has been permanently lost or reduced by illness or injury, to improve the ability to perform those tasks required for independent functioning. Services provided by or under the direction of a licensed qualified occupational therapist.

speech therapy-services necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of communicative or oropharyngeal disorders and delays in development of communication skills, including the diagnosis and appraisal of specific disorders and delays in those skills. Services provided by or under the direction of a licensed qualified speech pathologist or audiologist.

audiology services-diagnostic, screening, preventive, or corrective services provided by or under the direction of a licensed qualified audiologist or physician.

psychological services-include diagnosis/evaluation and psychological counseling/therapy for the child and his/her family provided by a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist.

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**Services must be included on the child's IFSP to be reimbursed as an early intervention service.**

**Provider Qualifications**

Therapists and/or audiologists must meet qualifications established in 42 CFR 440.110. Providers of psychological services must meet qualifications established in 42 CFR 440.60.

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**Pediatric Day Health Care Program**

Pediatric day health care (PDHC) services are an array of services that are designed to meet the medical, social and developmental needs of children up to the age of 21 who have a complex medical condition which requires skilled nursing care and therapeutic interventions on an ongoing basis in order to:

- a. preserve and maintain health status;
- b. prevent death;
- c. treat/cure disease;
- d. ameliorate disabilities or other adverse health conditions;  
and/or
- e. prolong life.

PDHC services offer a community-based alternative to traditional long-term care services or extended nursing services for children with medically complex conditions.

These services are provided in a non-residential setting which is licensed as a PDHC facility and enrolled to participate in the Medicaid Program. These services are for the maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of the recipient to the best functioning level.

**Recipient Criteria**

In order to qualify for PDHC services, a Medicaid recipient must meet the following criteria. The recipient must:

1. be from birth up to 21 years of age;

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2. have a medically complex condition which involves one or more physiological or organ systems and requires skilled nursing and therapeutic interventions performed by a knowledgeable and experienced licensed professional registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) on an ongoing basis in order to:
  - a. preserve and maintain health status;
  - b. prevent death;
  - c. treat/cure disease;
  - d. ameliorate disabilities or other adverse health conditions; and/or
  - e. prolong life;
3. have a signed physician's order and plan of care, not to exceed 90 days, for pediatric day health care by the recipient's physician specifying the frequency and duration of services; and
4. be stable for outpatient medical services in a home or community-based setting.

If the medical director of the PDHC facility is also the child's prescribing physician, the Department reserves the right to review the prescription for the recommendation of the child's participation in the PDHC Program.

Re-evaluation of PDHC services must be performed, at a minimum, every 90 days. This evaluation must include a review of the recipient's current medical plan of care and provider agency documented current assessment and progress toward goals.

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A face-to-face evaluation shall be held every 90 days by the child's prescribing physician. Services shall be revised during evaluation periods to reflect accurate and appropriate provision of services for current medical status.

Physician's orders for services are required to individually meet the needs of each recipient and shall not be in excess of the recipient's needs. Physician orders prescribing or recommending PDHC services do not, in themselves, indicate services are medically necessary or indicate a necessity for a covered service. Eligibility for participation in the PDHC Program must also include meeting the medically complex provisions.

When determining the necessity for PDHC services, consideration shall be given to all of the services the recipient may be receiving, including waiver services and other community supports and services. This consideration must be reflected and documented in the recipient's treatment plan.

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**Service Coverage and Limitations**

The Medicaid Program will reimburse a pediatric day health care facility based on a comprehensive daily per diem for the following covered services in accordance with 42 CFR 440.130(d):

**Nursing Services**

Nursing services provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.130 (d) as medically necessary services ordered by the prescribing physician and are provided by a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse within the scope of the state's Nurse's Practice Act. Nursing services are available to recipients as medically indicated and must be in the recipient's Plan of Care. These services may include assessments, health related training/education for recipients and caregivers designed to assist in the restoration of the recipient to the fullest functioning capacity possible. Nursing services address the rehabilitative healthcare needs of the recipient.

**Respiratory Care**

Respiratory care is provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.130 (d) as medically necessary and ordered by the prescribing physician to promote optimal cardiopulmonary function and health for recipients that are ventilator dependent or with pulmonary disorders. The goal is to restore the recipient to his/her best possible functional level. Respiratory services are intended to identify and treat acute or chronic dysfunction of the cardiopulmonary system. This service includes a comprehensive assessment, monitoring signs and symptoms, providing diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, disease management, and patient and caregiver education for the direct benefit of the recipient.

- a. Respiratory care shall be provided by a respiratory therapist licensed in the state of Louisiana; or
- b. A registered nurse with documented experience in providing respiratory care in accordance with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing; or
- c. A licensed practical nurse with documented experience in providing respiratory care in accordance with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

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Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110 as ordered by the recipient's prescribing physician. The services are specially designed exercises and the use of equipment for maximum reduction of physical disabilities and restoration of a recipient to his best possible physical functioning.

- a. Physical Therapy shall be provided by an individual licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) or,
- b. A certified physical therapy Assistant, in accordance with the LSBME's requirement, shall practice under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist

Speech-Language Therapy

Services for individuals with speech, hearing and language disorders are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110. The services include diagnostic, screening, preventive or corrective rehabilitative services provided by or under the direction of a Speech Pathologist or Audiologist, for which a recipient is referred by his prescribing physician.

- a. Speech pathology services shall be provided by a licensed speech-language pathologist or Audiologist as authorized by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, or
- b. A licensed speech-language pathology assistant, in accordance with Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, shall practice under the direct supervision of a licensed speech language pathologist.

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**Occupational Therapy**

Occupational Therapy is provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.110 as ordered by the recipient's prescribing physician. These services are specially designed activities to enhance development of occupational skills, restore independent functioning and prevent disability. It may include adaptation of tasks or environment to achieve maximum rehabilitation of the individual and to restore optimal quality of life.

- a. Occupational therapy shall be provided by a licensed Occupational Therapist as authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME), or
- b. An occupational therapy assistant, in accordance with the LSBME's requirement, shall practice under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

**Social Services**

Social services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.60 as ordered by a prescribing physician, and within the scope of Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiner's Practice Act. The purpose is to assess the recipient child/family's strengths and needs with regard to functional skills and environmental resources. Social workers will identify and prioritize the child/family-defined rehabilitation goals. Services may include but are not limited to:

- Individual Psychosocial Assessments
- Home environment and caregiver skills evaluation
- Counseling
- Community living skills training
- Behavior management skills training
- Family advocacy-including referral to resources and other health care professionals/agencies;

The overall goal of social services is to assist the individual and caregiver in restoring functional skills and environmental resources to an optimal autonomous state. All services are provided for the direct benefit of the recipient.

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Personal Care Services

Personal care services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.167(d) enabling the recipient to accomplish tasks they would normally do for themselves if they did not have a disability. Thus, personal care is hands-on assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) (such as eating, bathing, dressing, and bladder and bowel requirements) or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) (such as taking medications) as ordered by the prescribing physician and in accordance with the recipient's plan of treatment.

Personal care services shall be provided by the direct care staff under the supervision of the registered nurse. Direct care staff may include: nursing assistants, certified nursing assistants, patient care technicians, and medical assistants.

Other covered Services

The transportation to and from the PDHC facility will be reimbursed by a daily per diem on a per case basis in accordance with 42 CFR 440.170(a).

Non-covered Services.

The following services do not qualify as covered PDHC services:

- education and training services;
- before and after school care;
- medical equipment, supplies and appliances;
- parenteral or enteral nutrition;
- infant food or formula; or
- room and board.

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PDHC facility services must be ordered by the recipient's prescribing physician and an individualized plan of care must be developed for the recipient by the PDHC facility.

The Plan of Care should be developed under the direction of the facility's nursing director and in collaboration with the prescribing physician. The plan of care for

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continuation of services shall be reviewed and updated at least quarterly or as needed by the needs of the child.

PDHC services must be prior authorized by the Medicaid Program or its approved designee. Services provided without authorization shall not be considered for reimbursement, except in the case of retroactive Medicaid eligibility.

**Provider Participation**

In order to participate in the Medicaid Program, a facility must have a current, valid PDHC facility license issued by the department. Each PDHC facility site shall be separately enrolled in the Medicaid Program.

All enrolled PDHC services providers must comply with all of the licensing standards adopted for pediatric day health care facilities.

No PDHC provider shall be licensed to operate unless the Facility Need Review (FNR) Program has granted approval for the issuance of a PDHC provider license. Once the FNR Program approval is granted, a PDHC provider is eligible to be licensed by the department, subject to meeting all of the requirements for licensure.

**Staffing Qualifications**

Staffing for the PDHC facility will consist of :

A. **Administrator**

The facility administrator shall be a full time employee of the PDHC. The facility administrator shall designate in writing a person to be responsible for the facility when the administrator is absent from the facility for more than 24 hours. This person is known as the administrator's designee.

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**Qualifications**

1. The Administrator and administrator's designee shall have three years experience in the delivery of health care service and meet one of the following criteria:
  - a. A physician currently licensed in LA; or
  - b. A Registered nurse currently licensed in LA; or
  - c. A college graduate with a bachelors degree; or
  - d. An associate's degree, with one additional year of documented management experience.
2. Any licensed person functioning in the role of administrator or administrator's designee shall have an unrestricted, current license issued by the appropriate Louisiana licensing board.
3. The Administrator and the administrator's designee shall be at least 21 years of age.

**B. Medical Director**

The Medical Director of the PDHC shall be a physician currently licensed in Louisiana without restrictions who is either:

1. A board certified pediatrician; or
2. A pediatric specialist with knowledge of medically fragile children; or
3. Other medical specialist or subspecialist with knowledge of medically fragile children.

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**C. Nursing Personnel and Direct Care Staff**

**1. Director of Nursing (DON)**

Each PDHC shall have a full time Director of Nursing.

Qualifications of DON

The Director of Nursing shall be a Registered Nurse currently licensed in the state of Louisiana without restrictions, and shall meet the following:

- a. Hold a current certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR);
- b. Hold current certification in Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS); and
- c. Have a minimum of two (2) years general pediatric nursing experience of which at least six (6) months shall have been spent caring for medically fragile or technology dependent infants or children in a pediatric intensive care, neonatal intensive care, pediatric emergency care, PDHC facility, prescribed pediatric extended care center, or similar care setting during the previous five (5) years.

**2. Registered Nurse (RN)**

Qualifications of RN

Each RN employed by the facility shall have at least the following qualifications and experience:

- a. Be currently licensed in the state of Louisiana without restrictions as a registered nurse;
- b. Hold a current certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); and
- c. Have either:
  - i. one (1) or more years of pediatric experience as an RN, with at least six (6) months experience caring for medically fragile or technologically dependent children; or
  - ii. Have two (2) or more years of documented prior pediatric nursing experience as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) and with at least six (6) months experience caring for medically fragile or technologically dependent children.

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**3. Licensed Practical Nurse(LPN)**

**Qualifications of LPN**

Each LPN employed by the facility shall have at least the following qualifications and experience:

- a. Be currently licensed in the state of Louisiana without restrictions as a licensed practical nurse; and
- b. Hold a current certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); and
- c. have either:
  - i. one (1) year or more years experience in pediatrics as an LPN; or
  - ii. have 2 years of documented prior pediatric experience working as a direct care worker caring for medically fragile child(ren).

Each PDHC shall have sufficient LPN staffing to ensure that the care and services provided to each child is in accordance with the child's plan of care.

**4. Direct Care Staff**

For the purposes of this subsection, other direct care personnel include: nursing assistants, certified nursing assistants, , and individuals with training and experience in education, social services or child care related fields.

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- a. Direct care staff shall work under the supervision of the registered nurse.
- b. Direct care staff shall be responsible for providing direct care to children at the PDHC facility.

**Qualifications:**

Each direct care staff employed by the facility shall have at least the following qualifications and experience:

- a. Have one (1) year documented employment experience in the care of infants or children or have one year (1) experience in caring for a medically fragile child;

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- b. Demonstrate the necessary skills and competency to meet the direct care needs of the child(ren) to which they are assigned;
- c. Be currently registered with the Certified Nurse Aide Registry (CNA ) in good standing and without restrictions; or
- d. A direct service worker not having a finding or be listed on the Direct Service Worker Registry (DSW );
- e. Hold a current certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); and
- f. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

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42 CFR 440.60 - Other Licensed Practitioners

**Licensed Behavior Analyst**

- A. The Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for and payment to, licensed behavior analysts for services provided within their scope of practice. These services must be provided by or under the supervision of a behavior analyst who is currently licensed by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, or a licensed psychologist, or a licensed medical psychologist. Licensed behavior analyst, licensed psychologists and licensed medical psychologists shall be reimbursed for Medicaid covered therapy services that are medically necessary, prior authorized by the Medicaid Program or its designee, and delivered in accordance with the recipient's treatment plan.

Licensed behavior analysts shall provide supervision to certified assistant behavior analysts and registered line technicians. Supervision is included in the State's Scope of Practice Act for licensed behavior analysts and they shall assume professional responsibility for the services rendered by an unlicensed practitioner. Licensed psychologists and licensed medical psychologists are authorized to provide supervision to non-licensed practitioners.

Applied Behavior Analysis Services Provided by Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

Applied Behavior Analysis services rendered in school-based settings must be provided by, or under the supervision of, a behavior analyst currently licensed by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, a licensed psychologist or licensed medical psychologist. Payment for services must be billed by the licensed professional.

B. Provider Qualifications

1. Licensed behavior analysts shall:
  - a. be licensed by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board;
  - b. be covered by professional liability insurance in the amount designated by the State;
  - c. have no sanctions or disciplinary actions on their Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral certification and/or state licensure;
  - d. not have Medicare/Medicaid sanctions or be excluded from participation in federally-funded programs; and
  - e. have a completed criminal background check according to the State's requirements.
2. Certified assistant behavior analysts shall:
  - a. be certified by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board;
  - b. work under the supervision of a licensed psychologists, licensed medical psychologists, and licensed behavior analyst, with the supervisory relationship documented in writing;
  - c. have no sanctions or disciplinary actions, if State-certified or Board-certified;
  - d. not have Medicare/Medicaid sanctions or be excluded from participation in federally-funded programs; and
  - e. have a completed criminal background check according to the State's requirements.

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3. Registered line technicians shall:
  - a. be registered by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board;
  - b. work under the supervision of a licensed psychologists, licensed medical psychologists, and licensed behavior analyst, with the supervisory relationship documented in writing;
  - c. have no sanctions or disciplinary actions, if State-certified or Board-certified;
  - d. not have Medicare/Medicaid sanctions or be excluded from participation in federally-funded programs; and
  - e. have a completed criminal background check according to the State's requirements.