

Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC)

Program Overview

- Provide children with medical complexities the opportunity to thrive socially, emotionally, and medically by receiving coordinated care through an inclusive day program setting, as opposed to receiving one-on-one nursing in the home.
- Enable parents and caregivers to work or attend school without the challenges of scheduling through a provider agency.
- Alleviate some of the critical shortage of nurses to provide PDN services, as nurses will be able to serve multiple children simultaneously.



Basics of PPEC

- Provided through a MO HealthNet enrolled PPEC center, with dual-licensure and oversight from the Department of Health and Senior Services and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- Available to eligible children age 0-6.
- Eligibility criteria for PPEC services reflect current PDN eligibility criteria, as established by MO HealthNet and authorized through the Healthy Children and Youth Program.
- Skilled nursing services provided by a licensed RN or LPN.
- Therapy services provided by a licensed PT, OT or ST, as ordered by a physician.
- Reimbursed as a per diem rate for multidisciplinary services.

Goal

Enhance Medicaid services in Missouri by implementing a State Plan service that provides the opportunity for children with medical complexities to receive multidisciplinary services, including Private Duty Nursing (PDN), through an integrated day program setting.

Program Example

Saint Louis, Missouri:
Strictly Pediatrics Center provides nursing care and therapies for children with medical complexities in their Medical Day Program.

"Our foremost goal is to help children stabilize and improve their medical status, promoting the development of a relationship with their primary physicians, and preventing or reducing Emergency Department visits and hospital admissions."