

§5239. Plan of Care

A. Each child that has been accepted to a facility and participates in a PDHC program shall have a plan of care developed to assure that the child receives appropriate services. Development of the plan of care shall begin within 72 hours of receipt of the referral to allow sufficient time for implementation of the plan upon placement in the facility.

B. The plan of care shall be developed under the direction of the facility's nursing director and shall:

1. be individualized to address the child's problems, goals, and required services including, but not limited to medical, nursing, psychosocial, therapy, dietary, and educational services;

2. ensure that the child's developmental needs are addressed;

- a. the PDHC facility shall consider developmentally appropriate learning and play experiences as well as social interaction with other children;

3. identify specific goals for care;

- a. plans for achieving the goals shall be determined and a schedule for evaluation of progress shall be established; and

4. contain specific criteria for transitioning from or discontinuing participation in pediatric day health care with the facility.

C. The plan of care shall be signed by the prescribing physician, the authorized representative of the facility, and the parent(s). Copies of the plan of care shall be given to the prescribing physician and other agencies as appropriate. The facility shall retain a copy in their records and a copy shall be given to the parent(s) if requested.

D. The plan of care for continuation of services shall be:

1. reviewed and updated at least quarterly or as indicated by the needs of the child;
2. completed by a registered nurse;
3. reviewed and ordered by the prescribing physician;
and
4. incorporated into the patient's clinical record within seven calendar days of receipt of the prescribing physician's order.

E. The medical director shall review the plans of care in consultation with PDHC staff and the prescribing physician, every 60 days or more frequently as the child's condition dictates. Prescribed services and therapies included in the plan of care shall be adjusted in consultation with the prescribing physician to accommodate the child's condition.

F. Facility staff shall administer services and treatments in accordance with the plan of care as ordered by the physician.

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