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Children with Complex Care Needs Should Live with Their Families

Advocacy Campaign PA Kids Need Complex Care Now



Background

About Me

About our coalition and history of this effort.
Addition to The Arc of PA's Policy Priorities.

Families Providing Extraordinary Care Act Representative Markosek [co sponsor memo linked here](#) (11 cosponsors so far)

Create a license: for parents or designated family members (by their choice) to be employed by a Home Health Agency (HHA) funded by *OMAP/MCOs to provide skilled care solely to their Medical Assistance (Medicaid)-enrolled 0-21 children with extraordinary needs (medical condition for which nursing care is needed).

OMAP = Office of Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Programs

MCO = Managed Care Organizations

Families Providing Extraordinary Care Act

Key Provisions

- For scheduled shifts or to fill gaps or both to cover medically necessary skilled care)
- Must complete training and have obtained verification of competency from their training entity
- Child Abuse Clearance
- License only valid when employed and supervised by agency
- Supervising agencies must have nurses for back up when parents can't fill scheduled shift
- No more than 12 hours a day, but more if nursing gap
- Licensed only for designated child
- Rate commensurate with LPN rate and overtime permitted

Improving Access to Pediatric Home No champion yet.

Minimum Coverage Requirement: OMAP and its MCOs shall make every effort described in this Act to ensure that every child receives all medically necessary skilled care as required by federal law. For purposes of data and sanctions, Minimum Coverage Requirement is, FOR EACH CHILD, 90% of authorized care (after subtracting for hospitalizations and parent refusal of nursing altogether -as opposed to rejection of a particular nurse).

Improving Access to Pediatric Home Key Provisions

- ❑ OMAP and its MCOs establish nurse payment rates sufficient to meet expected need
- ❑ OMAP/MCOs may require that rate increases be passed directly onto nurses, and shall do so when necessary to meet minimum coverage requirements
- ❑ Exceptional rates for LPN/RN to meet minimum coverage requirements or when to ensure health & safety of child.
- ❑ Fund on-call nurses to cover missed shifts
- ❑ Allow willing nurses to work overtime at overtime rates
- ❑ Financial sanctions for MCOs for minimum coverage not met

Q&A and Future Follow Up

If you have any additional questions, ideas, or want to volunteer your time with us on this important advocacy effort, feel free to contact me directly.

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