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Dear PCC/PCP Provider,

This transmittal provides information regarding the level of care (LOC) assignment for medically fragile children. Effective December 1, 2010 children who are designated as medically fragile and placed with a PCC/PCP will be assigned an LOC III. Medically fragile children currently placed in a PCC/PCP will be assigned an LOC III at the next utilization review. A higher level of care may be considered for medically fragile children who have a severe, chronic condition that results in a prolonged dependency on medical care or technology and/or have demonstrated significant behavioral/emotional conditions. These exceptional situations may be considered on a case by case basis with input from central office and Children's Review Program staff. A re-determination can be requested by DCBS or PCC/PCP staff.

The following are examples of conditions/care needs that could be regarded as meeting the definition of "medically fragile." The conditions/care needs may include but are not limited to:

- Ventilator dependence
- Tracheotomy
- Conditions requiring frequent suctioning of lungs and throat
- Apnea monitoring per physician's orders
- Home oxygen therapy
- Intravenous lines
- Nutritional difficulties that require nasal gastric or gastrostomy tubes
- Kidney dialysis
- Diabetes that cannot be effectively controlled through medication or diet and makes the child vulnerable to diabetic coma

- Burn/wound care (severe, extensive skin and body care)
- Terminal illness care
- Neurological or physical impairments to a degree that the child is non-ambulatory and requires 24-hour medically oriented care

The medical fragile designation will be reviewed at least every six months during the individual health care plan meeting. Continuation of the medically fragile designation will be determined by continued medical need.

If you have questions concerning this process, please contact Julie.Cubert@ky.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to serve our medically fragile children.

Sincerely,



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