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Personal Emergency Response Services

Reimbursement for Personal Emergency Response Services (PERS) will be provided under the auspices of SDSS through contractual arrangements between the LDSS and the provider. Locally negotiated rates must include the costs for renting or leasing PERS equipment, the installation, maintenance, and the removal of PERS equipment from the clients home. A second rate must also be negotiated by the local district for a monthly monitoring service charge. These two rates must not exceed the local prevailing rate or the SDSS established cap.

For the period April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996, the Department of Social Services in consultation with the Department of Health shall establish a state share medical assistance cost savings target for each certified home health agency, which is to be achieved as a result of the agency's development and implementation of personal emergency response services and shared aide efficiency initiatives. The aggregate of such state share targets shall not exceed fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars.

Services Provided To Medically Fragile Children

For purposes of this section, a medically fragile child shall mean a child, up to twenty-one years of age, who is at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization for reasons that include but are not limited to the following: children who are technologically-dependent for life or health-sustaining functions; require complex medication regimen or medical interventions to maintain or improve their health status; or are in need of ongoing assessment or intervention to prevent serious deterioration of their health status or medical complications that place their life, health or development at risk. These children are capable of being cared for at home if provided with appropriate home care services including but not limited to continuous nursing services.

For the period beginning January 1, 2007 and thereafter [through December 31, 2010], rates of payment for continuous nursing services for medically fragile children provided by a certified home health agency, or by registered nurses or licensed practical nurses who are independent providers, shall be established to ensure the availability of such services, and shall be established at a rate that is thirty percent higher than the provider's current rate for private duty nursing services. A certified home health agency that receives such rates for continuous nursing services for medically fragile children shall use such enhanced rates to increase payments to registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who provide these services. All government and non-government owned or operated providers are eligible for this adjustment pursuant to the same uniformly applied methodology.

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