

CERTIFICATION OF A CHILD WITH COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS

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Placement Date:	Certification Status:	DCF Office:
Child's LAST Name:	Child's FIRST Name:	DOB:
Person ID:	Legal Status	Medical Provider: Phone: Fax:

SECTION I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DCF CENTRAL OFFICE NURSE

Current Medical Diagnosis & Care needs: (Based on medical information obtained from the healthcare provider and/or from the medical needs summary completed by the RRG nurse (i.e. documentation and/or verbal consultation)

SECTION II: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING (DON)/ DESIGNEE

Based on the above, child meets criteria for Medically Complex classification levels checked below (see page 2 for description of each classification)

- ☐ Classification 1: Chronic Condition which is under good control
☐ Classification 2: Chronic Condition which may periodically become life threatening
☐ Classification 3: Chronic Condition with Intensive Medical Needs
☐ Classification 4: Chronic Condition requiring Technology or Medically Dependent to sustain life

SECTION III: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHILD'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDER:

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS:
Based on the child's current medical diagnosis and care needs identified in Section I:

☐ I certify the child as Medically Complex, and I am in agreement with the recommended Medically Complex classification level.
☐ I am not in agreement with the above recommended medically complex classification level and request to be contacted for further discussion.

Health Care Provider's FIRST and LAST Name:	Health Care Provider's Signature:	Contact Number:	Date:
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DON/Designee LAST Name:	DON/Designee FIRST Name:	DON/Designee Signature:	Date:
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REFERENCE FOR THE CHILD'S HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Medically complex classification levels are based on the child's care needs associated with their medical diagnosis but are not limited to these specific diagnoses.

Classification 1: Chronic Condition which is under good control	<p>Medical Diagnosis: Chronic medical condition which is under good control such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild or moderate controlled persistent asthma with no/minimal complications • A well-controlled seizure disorder requiring medication with no recent seizure activity • Cancer in remission until child is medically cleared of active treatment by the health care provider • Chronic infections receiving ongoing treatment such as Hepatitis C, HIV, or latent Tuberculosis. • Diagnosed allergies which require Epi-pen use • A newborn with perinatal substance exposure requiring medication treatment upon discharge (until medication is discontinued by health care provider) • Infants born at 28 to 32 weeks gestation (up to 6 months corrected age) • Current diagnosis of Failure to thrive with active specialized nutrition plan. • Non-insulin dependent diabetic with no/minimal complications requiring oral medications <p>Medical Oversight/Care Needs Specific to child's chronic condition: Requires primary healthcare and/or potentially specialty care to address chronic condition. Child may require administration of daily medication, as needed medication, and/or rescue medications and/or specialized nutrition plan.</p>
Classification 2: Chronic Condition which may periodically become life threatening	<p>Medical Diagnosis: Chronic medical condition which may periodically become life-threatening such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin-dependent diabetes not requiring hospitalization in the last 6 months. • Seizure disorder requiring medication with intermittent seizure activity in the last six months. • Moderate-to-severe persistent asthma with complications that require frequent changes to the asthma action plan • Infants born at less than 28 weeks gestation (up to 6 months corrected age) <p>Medical Oversight/Care Needs: Requires specialty care to address chronic condition. Child requires administration of medications. Child requires daily skilled care such as diabetic care, tube feedings, and/or monitoring for potential emergency interventions, and/ or short-term hospital admissions</p>
Classification 3: Chronic Condition with Intensive Medical Needs	<p>Medical Diagnosis: Chronic medical condition that is poorly controlled and/or requires daily intensive medical follow-up or treatment such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin-dependent diabetes requiring hospitalization in the last 6 months for diabetes related complications. (This does not apply to caregiver non-compliance) • Poorly controlled seizure disorder requiring hospital admission in the last 6 months for seizure related complications. • Unstable medical conditions requiring extended hospital admission and intensive care needs such as sickle cell anemia, cancer, renal failure. • Severe persistent asthmatic requiring multiple hospital admissions that require frequent changes to the asthma action plan. <p>Medical Oversight/Care Needs: Requires frequent specialty care to address unstable chronic condition. Child requires administration of multiple medications related to the chronic condition. Child requires intensive skilled care daily <i>such as</i> unstable diabetic care requiring communication with healthcare team, adjustments to tube feedings due to intolerance and weight loss, need for emergency interventions, etc. Child may require prolonged or repeated hospital admissions for treatment of the chronic condition and required frequent changes to the medical plan of care.</p>
Classification 4: Chronic Condition requiring Technology or Medically Dependent to sustain life	<p>Medical Diagnosis: Chronic medical condition that requires a 1:1 caregiver for direct observation at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An artificial airway • Requires use of ventilator • Organ/stem cell transplant that is medically unstable • a medical diagnosis that requires an external medical device for survival such as dialysis. (This does not include an insulin pump or glucose monitoring device) <p>Medical Oversight/Care Needs: Requires frequent specialty care to address chronic condition. Child requires 1:1 skilled care by a trained caregiver/ skilled nursing services at all times to provide direct oversight and medical care. They are dependent on a high level of care to sustain life.</p>