

PEDIATRIC
NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE

Level of care criteria are based on definitions and guidelines derived from the Federal regulations in 42 C.F.R 409.31-409.34, and are used to assist assessors in evaluating clinical information submitted. Level of care criteria are based on the overall medical condition of the individual and the medically necessary services required. Level of care is not diagnosis specific.

Summary:

Nursing facility level of care is appropriate for individuals who do not require hospital care, but who, on a regular basis, require licensed nursing services, rehabilitation services, or other health-related services *ordinarily provided in an institution*. With respect to an individual who has a mental illness or intellectual disability, nursing facility level of care services are usually inappropriate unless that individual's mental health needs are secondary to needs associated with a more acute physical disorder.

A nursing facility level of care is indicated if all of following conditions are met:. Services received in an educational setting must meet these same conditions.

1. The service(s) has been ordered by a physician;
2. The service(s) will be furnished either directly by, or under the direct supervision of, appropriately licensed personnel;
3. The individual requires service(s) which are so inherently complex that it can be safely and effectively performed only by, or under the supervision of technical or professional personnel such as registered nurses, licensed practical (vocational) nurses, physical therapists, and speech pathologists or audiologists; and
4. The individual requires either skilled nursing services seven days per week or skilled rehabilitation services at least five days per week.

INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY (ICF/ID) LEVEL OF CARE

Level of care criteria are based on definitions and guidelines derived from the Federal regulations, 42 C.F.R. 440.150, 435.1009, and 483.440(a) and are used to assist assessors in evaluating clinical information submitted. Level of care criteria are based on the overall medical condition of the individual and the medically necessary service required and is not diagnosis specific.

Summary:

ICF/ID level of care is appropriate for individuals who require the type of active treatment typically provided by a facility whose primary purpose is to furnish health and rehabilitative services to persons with intellectual disabilities or related conditions.

An ICF/ID level of care is generally indicated if any of the following conditions are met:

1. The child has an IQ of 70 or below (moderate to profound intellectual disability); or
2. The child has a standard score of less than 70 in at least three of the five domains of function (cognitive, language, motor, social-emotional, and adaptive) on a standardized developmental assessment tool or an overall standard score of less than 70; or
3. The child has a standard score of less than 70 in at least three domains of function on a standardized adaptive functioning or an overall composite score of less than 70; or
4. The child's Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS) score is above 37, or the Gilliam Autism Rating Scale (GARS) score is 121 or greater.

Note: An age appropriate, comprehensive functional assessment is required at least every three years. For children 0-5 years of age, a comprehensive developmental evaluation is required. For children 6-18 years of age, a comprehensive psychological evaluation is required.