

MEDICAL CRITERIA

In determining if a nursing facility applicant/resident is medically eligible for nursing facility level of services, the individual must require or meet at least two of the following services/criteria:

1. Administration of a potent and dangerous injectable medication and intravenous medication and solutions on a daily basis or administration of routine oral medications, eye drops, or ointment;
2. Restorative nursing procedures (such as gait training and bowel and bladder training) in the case of residents who are determined to have restorative potential and can benefit from the training on a daily basis;
3. Nasopharyngeal aspiration required for the maintenance of a clear airway;
4. Maintenance of tracheostomy, gastrostomy, colostomy, ileostomy, and other tubes indwelling in body cavities as an adjunct to active treatment for rehabilitation of disease for which the stoma was created;
5. Administration of tube feedings by nasogastric tube;
6. Care of extensive decubitus ulcers or other widespread skin disorders;
7. Other specified and individual justified services, including observation of unstable medical conditions required on a regular and continuing basis that can only be provided by or under the direction of a registered nurse;
8. Use of oxygen on a regular and continuing basis;
9. Application of dressing involving prescription medications and aseptic techniques and/or changing of dressing in noninfected, post operative, or chronic conditions;
10. Comatose resident receiving routine medical treatment; or
- *11. If the individual has been a Medicaid Recipient in the nursing facility system without a break in service.

Please note that the Alabama Medicaid Agency has stated that seizure disorders are considered a related condition if the individual has mental retardation. Therefore, seizure disorders are not considered a medical condition unless the seizures are not controlled.

Further, medications prescribed for seizures for individuals with mental retardation are not considered to meet the first criteria unless the seizures are not controlled. Additionally, medications prescribed for the treatment of mental illnesses are not considered to meet the medical criteria regarding the administration of medication unless the medication is being prescribed for the treatment of a medical illness (e.g. Thorazine for uncontrollable hiccups).