Prescribed pediatric extended care centers, or PPECs, are a proven, innovative model that will improve access to care for families seeking an alternative choice to prolonged hospital stays when nursing is unavailable.

When a child has access to a PPEC, they can spend their days at the center with peers while receiving medical care.

And enjoy evenings at home with family - just like any child.

Support the PPEC bill (H.F. 1522/ S.F. 1970) to help ensure this crucial service is available for our most vulnerable population.
What is a PPEC?
- A center that provides nursing services and support to children with a medical complexity for up to 12.5 hours per day
- A dependable, safe option alongside home care nursing
- A team approach to care by combining trained caregivers and nurses to care for the child
- A place to provide ongoing family training and build greater skill for the child’s transition off of services and into the community

Why a PPEC?
- Patients want to discharge from the hospitals and need dependable care options
- Provides cost savings to the state as compared to prolonged hospital stays due to lack of nursing
- It is an innovative solution to the healthcare workforce crisis
- The PPEC model is used in states across the U.S.

Q: How does a PPEC help integrate the child into the community?
A: It allows a child to discharge from a hospital institution to their home with their family. The PPEC not only supports the child’s medical needs, but their social, educational (pre-k), and developmental needs to help them become more independent in their communities.

Q: How much time will a child spend at the PPEC?
A: The length of time a child uses PPEC service each day and over time varies for each child based on their ongoing need for medical interventions as determined by their physician. Each child is reassessed on a regular interval with the goal for many to graduate from the program. Some of the more medically complex children may have an ongoing need.

Q: Does a child have to choose between a PPEC or home care nursing to receive their nursing care?
A: A PPEC provides an additional option to receive services in a community-based setting. The physician and parent may choose PPEC, home care nursing, or a combination to best meet the needs of each child.

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