

PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTER (PPEC):

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PPEC, or day care for children with medical complexity, is a proven innovative model that will improve access to care for families seeking an alternative choice to prolonged NICU stays when nursing is unavailable.

What is a PPEC?

- A center that provides nursing services and support to medically complex children for up to 14 hours per day
- A dependable, safe alternative to home care nursing
- A team approach to care by combining trained caregivers and registered nurses to care for the child
- A holistic approach to caring for a child with medical complexity
- A place to provide ongoing family training and build confidence for the child's transition off of services and into the community

Why 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
- Creates career growth opportunities for direct care workers
- The PPEC model is used in states across the U.S.

Study Results Across Four Children's Hospitals in Minnesota

Study results over a twelve month period across four major children's hospitals in Minnesota:

- Total unnecessary hospital days due to lack of home care nurses: 1,300 days
- Average prolonged hospitalization due to lack of home care nurses: 50 days
- Estimated cost of prolonged hospitalization: \$5,000,000

[Graphic: Nurse with child patient]

[Graphic: Pediatric Home Service logo]

Contact Leah Gosch to see how you can help, lrgosch@pediatrixhomeservice.com, 651-724-8169

[Graphic: Room at Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center. Well-lit; with child-sized tables, chairs, and bookcase; and open play space.]

[Graphic: Room at Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center. Bookcases and child-sized wheelchairs in front of large windows.]

[Graphic: Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center. Wide hallway with curved window seat at the left.]