

**Title 15: Mississippi State Department of Health**

**Part 16: Health Facilities**

**Subpart 1: Health Facilities Licensure and Certification**

**Chapter 2 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF OPERATION OF PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE (PPEC) CENTERS**

**Subchapter 3 Licensing**

**Rule 2.3.6 Fees.**

1. Each initial and renewal licensure application, unless suspended or revoked shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount set by the Board and made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order, or electronic means. Fees are non-refundable.
2. Applicants for initial licensure, or licensees, shall pay a user fee to the licensing agency for review of any construction proposal whether modification or new construction in a fee amount set by the Board and made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order, or electronic means. The fees are non-refundable.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-7*

**Rule 2.3.9 Initial Licensure.** For initial licensure, an applicant shall be in compliance with all requirements, as outlined in these regulations, and must submit documents, included but not limited to, those outlined:

1. A completed/signed application, on forms as designated by MSDH. All information submitted on the application forms, or by request for additional information, shall be accurate and current at the time of filing;
2. A non-refundable application/processing fee in an amount set by the Board. The fee shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order, or electronic means. The fee is non-refundable.
3. A licensing fee in an amount set by the Board. The licensing fee shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order or electronic means. The fee is non-refundable.
4. Certificates/letters of approval from the local zoning authority indicating that the location of the PPEC center conforms to local zoning ordinances, if applicable;

5. Certificates/letters of approval from the local/regional/state Fire Marshal that the PPEC center is in compliance with all applicable fire safety standards;
6. Evidence that the PPEC center's water and sewer systems have been approved by the Mississippi State Department of Health;
7. A licensed facility shall obtain a Food Service Permit from the Mississippi State Department of Health Office of Environmental Health.
8. Certificate of Occupancy;
9. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate or CLIA certificate of waiver.
10. Proof of general and Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000.00 including Workman's Compensation Insurance;
11. Articles of Incorporation, Disclosure of Ownership and Control Information;
12. Proof of financial viability/contingency plan demonstrating evidence that the applicant possesses assets sufficient to establish and sustain all components of a PPEC center to meet the provisions as outlined in these regulations while operating and/or during extraordinary circumstances including but not limited to audited financial statements, an established line of credit issued from a federally insured institution in the amount of at least \$100,000.00, a projected twelve (12) month statement of operations and a projected first twelve months statement of cash flow. The requesting PPEC center shall provide evidence of the referenced above review in the form of a certified affidavit or statement resultant of a review from an independent certified public accountant firm.
13. That the center is located within 20 miles or 30 minutes (whichever is greater) of an Emergency Department that has capabilities to handle pediatric emergencies;
14. The name of the PPEC center's administrator, the name and license number of the Medical Director and Director of Nursing along with proof of available licensed and supportive personnel who will have responsibility for any part of the care given to PPEC center's clients; as well as proof of ancillary support services such as dietary, housekeeping, maintenance and other personnel either directly or contractually secured to support the PPEC center on a daily basis;
15. The names and titles of personnel who have been affiliated, during the preceding five (5) years with any other PPEC center through ownership or employment, and the listing of names and addresses of the appropriate PPEC

center for each. This information shall be provided for the applicant: administrator, and all licensed nurses; and

16. Floor sketch or drawing of premises to be licensed, letter of intent and a detailed functional plan which delineates the proposed use of space, that includes but is not limited to the programmatic design outlined in Rule 2.20.2, the purpose of the project, the key elements of the physical environment, functional requirements and other basic information related to the fulfillment of the services required in the Minimum Standards of Operation for a PPEC Center.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

Rule 2.3.14 **License Renewal.** For renewal, each licensed entity shall submit:

1. A completed and signed renewal application; received on or before 30 days prior to the date of expiration;
2. A renewal licensure fee in an amount-set by the Board and made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order, or electronic means. The fee is non-refundable.
3. In a format as requested by MSDH, information designed to capture the entity's provision of services being provided, to include but not be limited to, number and acuity of infants/children served, number and types of treatments/specialized services provided, and other information that may be useful in determining that services, as outlined in these requirements are offered/met; and
4. Evidence of continued compliance with all building/fire codes as evidence by a copy of the annual inspection by the local Fire Marshall of the area/region where the center is located; and
5. Proof of General and Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000 including Workers Compensation Insurance.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

Rule 2.3.15 **Late Fees.** Should all documentation appropriate for license renewal not be received by MSDH, Division of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification on or prior to the expiration date of the license, a late fee in an amount set by the Board will be assessed and must be submitted payable by business check, money order, or electronic means to the Mississippi State Department of Health prior to the issuance of a license. Should all paperwork necessary for renewal not be submitted within 30 days post-expiration of the license, the center shall be

considered unlicensed and actions taken, as appropriate, to process termination of the license;

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

Rule 2.3.17 **Required Reporting:**

1. Within ten calendar days, the licensed entity shall submit, in writing, to MSDH, Division of Licensure and Certification, the following:
  - a. Change in the administrator, director of nursing services, or the medical director;
2. Within 24 hours of occurrence, the licensed entity shall submit in writing, to MSDH, Division of Licensure and Certification the following:
  - a. Any fire or incident of natural disaster whereas damage to the center was sustained;
  - b. Any incident whereas a child is left alone and unattended, either during the hours of operation of the PPEC center, after hours, while on a field trip or at an alternate location;
  - c. Any accident or injury sustained by a child, while the child was under the care of the PPEC center that required emergency medical intervention.

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**Subchapter 5 Administration and Management**

Rule 2.5.6 **Administrator Responsibilities:** The center administrator shall:

1. Be located on site at the center and serve full time as the Administrator.
2. Maintain the following written records, and all other records as outlined under subchapter 13 of these rules. The records must be kept in a place, form, and system in accordance with medical and business practices and such records must be available in the center for inspection by the Department during normal business hours:
3. A daily census record, which must indicate the names/number of children currently receiving services in the center. Census records must be maintained and available for review, on the premises, for a period of three years.
4. A record of all accidents or unusual incidents involving any child or staff member that caused, or had the potential to cause, injury or harm to any

person or property within the center, and ensures for timely reporting within 24 hours of discovery to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification for those incidents involving allegations of abuse and/or neglect of the minor child.

5. A copy of current agreements with third party providers;
6. A copy of current agreements with each consultant contracted by the PPEC center and documentation of each consultant's visit and required written, dated reports;
7. A personnel record for each employee, which must include, at a minimum, a current copy and/or verification of the licensure status of professional discipline employed or on contract, the original employment application, references, employment history for the preceding five years, if applicable; a copy of the job description (acknowledged by employee); and a copy of all job performance evaluations;
8. Develop and maintain a current job description for each employee;
9. Provide each employee access to written personnel policies governing conditions of employment;
10. Conduct annual written job performance reviews that note strengths and weaknesses and include plans to correct any job performance weaknesses. Performance evaluations must be reviewed with the employee;
11. Assign duties to employees that are consistent with their job descriptions and their levels of education, preparation and experience;
12. Provide necessary qualified personnel and ancillary services to ensure the health, safety, and proper care of the child;
13. Ensure the development and implementation of policies and procedures, including but not limited to infection control and quality assurance. These policies and procedure must be included in the PPEC center's policy manual.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

## **Subchapter 9            Nursing Services**

Rule 2.9.1    **Qualification of the Director of Nursing.** A registered nurse shall serve full-time as the Director of Nursing. The Director of Nursing must have, at a minimum, the following qualifications:

1. Minimum of a baccalaureate degree in nursing;
2. Current unrestricted Mississippi nursing license;
3. Current certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS); and
4. Current certification in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
5. A minimum of five years of employment in a pediatric setting caring for medically and/or technologically dependent children with at least three years of experience in one of the following specialty settings: pediatric intensive care, neonatal intensive care, pediatric emergency care, PPEC center or comparable pediatric unit.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

#### **Subchapter 14      Transportation Services**

Rule 2.14.4    Should the PPEC center provide or contract for transportation, it is incumbent upon the center to assure that:

1. All drivers are appropriately licensed;
2. All vehicles used for the transportation of the PPEC center children have licenses (vehicle tag) and registration; and be registered in the name of the PPEC center and the county in Mississippi where operating and serving children;
3. Insurance adequately covers the transportation of children;
4. A daily sign-in sheet or log is maintained of the children being transported and include the to/from location;
5. A trained medical escort will accompany all children during transport. An additional medical escort shall be required for every six children. The driver of the bus/vehicle cannot serve as a medical escort;
6. Children board and leave from the curbside of the street and/or safely accompanied to the destinations;
7. Upon arrival via transportation to the child's final destination care of child is relinquished to either a parent/guardian or designated caregiver as authorized by the parent or guardian.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

## **Subchapter 19            Equipment**

Rule 2.19.1    Each PPEC center shall maintain an age and developmentally appropriate environment including but not limited to furnishings, equipment, adaptive devices and indoor/outdoor therapeutic play/educational equipment and supplies, etc. At the time of request for initial licensure, the PPEC center shall have the capability with regard to furnishings, equipment, adaptive devices and indoor/outdoor therapeutic play/educational equipment and supplies, etc to provide services to the children for the licensure capacity requested.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

## **Subchapter 20            Physical Environment**

Rule 2.20.1    **Construction.** For any existing construction, as of the date of this standard, shall meet, at a minimum, NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, current edition and the FGI (Facility Guidelines Institute) Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities. In the event of the construction of a new PPEC center or substantial modification of an existing facility, any subsequent edition of NFPA, Life Safety Code may be used, provided the licensing agency approve the use of such edition and that all construction and/or modifications meet the requirements of the approved edition.

1. The construction of the building should be a free-standing building.
2. Automatic Sprinklers Required. Facilities shall be protected throughout by a supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with the current edition of NFPA 13, Installation of Sprinkler Systems.
3. Fire Code Items:
  - a. Fire extinguishers in accordance with current edition NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers.
  - b. Fire alarms and smoke detectors in accordance with current edition of NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

Rule 2.20.2    The PPEC center at a minimum shall include the following programmatic design elements:

1. Separate Quiet Rooms for each age group served. These rooms shall be separate and distinct from play areas and shall contain appropriate sleep

furnishings that are readily available. Quiet rooms should be equipped with blinds or other means of controlling the amount of light;

2. Nutritional and food prep area;
3. Age appropriate toileting facilities;
4. Indoor and outdoor recreational exercise play areas, with each exercise play area maintaining 35 square feet per licensed child. Outdoor play areas should be of appropriate surface and conform to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission Public Playground Safety Handbook. In addition, outdoor play areas should have covered areas for protection from sun;
5. Treatment room with med prep area, containing lockable storage;
6. Isolation room containing an observation window as well as a window to the outside, allowing for natural light, with a dedicated toilet room.
7. Clean and dirty storage rooms, separate and distinct;
8. Janitorial closet;
9. Biohazard closet;
10. Therapy/education/activity learning lab areas, separate and distinct;
11. Laundry room;
12. General storage rooms; for equipment, wheelchairs, etc.;
13. Staff area;
14. Reception area;
15. Administrative office;
16. Separate guest and child entrances. In addition, child vehicular drop off areas should be covered; and the size of the covering should be large enough to protect from inclement weather;
17. Maximum Occupant Load for the building shall be calculated based on 100 gross square feet per person to include staff and each child.
18. Milieu containing finishes and furnishings, in texture and color, which support child development, and the specific activities and services conducted in the PPEC center.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-19*

Rule 2.20.3 **SUBMISSION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.** Construction shall not be started for any institution subject to these standards (whether new or remodeling or additions to an existing licensed PPEC) until the plans and specifications for such construction or remodeling have been submitted to the Licensing Agency in writing and its approval of the changes given in writing.

1. **Exception:** Foundation changes made necessary by unanticipated conditions, or any conditions which present a hazard to life or property if not immediately corrected.

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1. Each ~~application for~~ initial and renewal licensure application, unless suspended or revoked shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount set by the Board ~~an initial application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for up to 25 beds; with an additional twenty dollars (\$20.00) per bed for each licensed bed thereafter, up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order, or electronic means. Fees are non-refundable.~~
2. Each ~~application for renewal shall be accompanied by a renewal fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for up to 25 beds; with an additional twenty dollars (\$20.00) per bed for each licensed bed thereafter, up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000), made payable by a business check or money order to Mississippi State Department of Health.~~
2. Applicants for initial licensure, or licensees, shall pay a user fee to the licensing agency for review of any construction proposal whether modification or new construction in ~~the~~ a fee amount rate of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00), set by the Board and made payable to the Mississippi State Department of Health, either by business check, money order, or electronic means. The fees are non-refundable.

*SOURCE: Mississippi Code Annotated §41-125-7*

Rule 2.3.9

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4. Certificates/letters of approval from the local zoning authority indicating that the location of the PPEC center conforms to local zoning ordinances, if applicable;
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10. Proof of general and Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000.00 including Workman's Compensation Insurance;
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to audited financial statements, an established line of credit issued from a federally insured institution in the amount of at least \$100,000.00, a projected twelve (12) month statement of operations and a projected first twelve months statement of cash flow. The requesting PPEC center shall provide evidence of the referenced above review in the form of a certified affidavit or statement resultant of a review from an independent certified public accountant firm.

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5. A copy of current agreements with third party providers;
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7. A personnel record for each employee, which must include, at a minimum, a current copy and/or verification of the licensure status of professional discipline employed or on contract, the original employment application, references, employment history for the preceding five years, if applicable; a copy of the job description (acknowledged by employee); and a copy of all job performance evaluations;
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