

**Respiratory Care Providers, Incorporate  
Dba-Kids and Nurses PPEC Center  
2401 Frist Street  
Ft. Pierce, Florida 32950**

**Unit 9 & 10**

**Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC)**

**Who We Are:**

PPEC's are licensed by **Agency for Healthcare Administration** and not the **Department of Children and Families** due to the type of services rendered to children who requires this type medical care, not found in traditional childcare centers.

Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) centers allow Medicaid eligible children from birth through age 20 with medically-complex conditions to receive continual medical care in a non-residential setting. When approved, children can attend a PPEC up to a maximum of 12 hours per day while receiving nursing services, personal care, developmental therapies, and caregiver training.

**Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Provider Qualifications**

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To enroll as a Medicaid provider, a PPEC must be licensed pursuant to Chapter 400 Part VI, Florida Statutes, and be in compliance with Chapter 59A-13, Florida Administrative Code.

**Number of Children who will be receiving PPEC Services:**

First year (11)

Second Year (22)

**How will the center be used?**

The PPEC center will be used to give nursing care to medically fragile, pediatric children who are unable to attend a regular childcare center. A parent can bring their child into the center for services at their discretion, or if needed on a daily basis for services.

Service hours depend on the amount care the child may require for that day. All children are certified for six months at a time by the Florida Medicaid program, while attending a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC). Florida Medicaid program coordinators determine how long a child will need PPEC services.

The center nurses will assist in providing nursing services such as G-Tube feeding, trachcare, oxygen, and wound care to children who have:

Seizure disorders, cerebral palsy, failure to thrive, chronic lung disease, opioid withdrawal, moderate to severe asthma, premature infants, cardiac disorders, and congenital conditions. Down Syndrome, Chronic life debilitating disease, Cerebral Palsy, Kidney disease and a host of birth defect or syndromes.

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**Unit 8**

**Department of Children and Families Regulated Childcare Center**

**The amount of children unit 8 will be able to hold at this time is 10**

**1. Why do you want to open a child care center?**

Kids and Nurses PPEC Center is requesting a conditional use childcare center next to our nursing and therapy medical center. The childcare center will be used for children transitioning out of a PPEC nursing and therapy centers in St. Lucie County, who may no longer qualify for nursing care, but may still need to be monitored by a nurse. And for parents who may need to care for a child with special needs, but not sick enough to be in an approved AHCA PPEC nursing and therapy center.

The childcare center will also allow children coming out of a Prescribe Pediatric Care nursing center to continue their therapy modalities until they are transitioned into the school system.

This center will also give peace of mind to families who may have a sick child who needs medications that a regular childcare center may not feel comfortable giving. Ie. Seizures, cardia meds, respiratory meds.