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Personal Care Services for Children Receiving Medicaid

The Council is seeking input from families of children who are eligible for Personal Care Services through Medicaid, but have had difficulty accessing these services due to unavailability of providers or direct support workers.

Children ages 0-21 who receive services through the Children's Choice Waiver, are on the waiting list for waiver services, or are simply receiving Medicaid benefits may qualify for Personal Care Services. These services must be medically necessary (a physician's prescription is required) and there must be a need for the service.

Some families have reported to the Council that although their child has been approved for this service, they have been unable to find a provider or a worker to serve them. We don't know if these are isolated incidences or if this is a widespread problem.

If you have had difficulty accessing this service for your child, please share your situation with the Council. We will compile this information and use it in our advocacy efforts to increase the availability of supports to families of children with disabilities in their homes and communities. Send your comments to: brandi.jones@la.gov.