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Level II behavior: is behavior that is exhibited on a daily basis, interferes with the completion of personal care assistant services, and is one or more of the following:

- unusual or repetitive habits;
- withdrawn behavior; or
- offensive behavior.

What to include when authorizing personal care assistant services in an IEP

- Condition or diagnosis related to the need for personal care services +
- How PCA will provide the service +
- Frequency and average time per day +
- Covered tasks

condition

- A. Due to Sally's congenital defects, she needs an aide to provide partial physical assistance daily, for up to 70 minutes, with personal care tasks including the following ADLs: mobility, transfers, and positioning. These activities will be supervised by an RN and Sally's special education teacher is the responsible party.
- B. A para will assist George with his personal care needs for up to 140 minutes per day. Because of George's CP, he has an unsteady gait and needs total physical assistance with mobility both within and outside of the building, including certain transfers related to vehicles, equipment, etc. George must have his food set up and an orthotic applied. He can feed and drink himself with appropriate adapted equipment and set up. However, he must be constantly monitored for frequent choking. It is also important for George to maintain good range of all joints through daily ROM. In addition, George has diabetes and must have his glucose taken mid-morning and mid-afternoon. When ranges are exceeded, George must be escorted to the nurse's office for further assessment and the RN will provide necessary insulin per doctor's orders. The personal care tasks will be supervised by an RN and the IEP manager is the responsible party.
- C. A para will meet Jeanie's personal care needs by observing and redirecting her explosive behavior that often results in serious self-injury. The observation and redirection will occur throughout the entire school day and during transportation to and from school on the bus. This activity will be supervised by a mental health professional and the classroom teacher is the responsible party.

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"stay on task" not acceptable when listing services detail on PCA CKlist

Understandings:

- MA reimburses for covered services that are medically necessary.
- Redirecting a student to "stay on task" is the task is math, is not medically necessary it is "instructionally necessary."
- Level I behavior is a stand alone service.
- ~~Level II behavior does not stand alone. Time can be authorized only if the Level II behavior interferes with completing another covered personal care assistant service.~~

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