

## **Medically Dependent Children Program - Medically Fragile Definition for the Purpose of Limited Nursing Facility Stay**

Medically fragile is defined as a chronic physical condition that results in a prolonged dependency on medical care.

**Medical judgment of the DADS physician will be applied on a case-by-case basis when the below criteria do not capture the severity/fragility of the individual's medical condition.**

Typically, to be considered medically fragile for the purpose of being approved for a limited nursing facility stay, an individual must meet two or more of the following criteria:

- Ventilator dependent ***with a tracheostomy***
- Renal dialysis
- 24 hour/day oxygen dependence
- Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)
- Tracheostomy
- Daily recurrent seizures within the past six months requiring medical intervention during the seizure activity (e.g., medication administration, oxygen)
- Documented immune deficiency (e.g., severe combined immunodeficiency, or an immunosuppressive therapy)
- Total nutrition via enteral tube feeding