

# MEDICAID DISABILITY MANUAL

cleansing, or nebulizer treatments).

(iv) The child has exacerbations from one impairment or a combination of impairments that interfere with his/her physical functioning.

(v) The child is medically fragile and needs intensive medical care to maintain his/her level of health and physical well-being.

(m) *Examples of impairments that functionally equal the listings.* The following are some examples of impairments and limitations that functionally equal the listings. Findings of equivalence based on the disabling functional limitations of a child's impairment(s) are not limited to the examples in this paragraph, because these examples do not describe all possible effects of impairments that might be found to functionally equal the listings. As with any disabling impairment, the duration requirement must also be met.

- (1) Documented need for major organ transplant (e.g., liver).
- (2) Any condition that is disabling at the time of onset, requiring continuing surgical management within 12 months after onset as a life-saving measure, or for salvage or restoration of function, and such major function is not restored or is not expected to be restored within 12 months after onset of the condition.
- (3) Effective ambulation possible only with obligatory bilateral upper limb assistance.
- (4) Any physical impairment(s) or combination of physical and mental impairments causing complete inability to function independently outside the area of one's home within age-appropriate norms.
- (5) Requirement for 24-hour-a-day supervision for medical (including psychological) reasons.
- (6) Infants weighing less than 1200 grams at birth, until attainment of 1 year of age.
- (7) Infants weighing at least 1200 but less than 2000 grams at birth, and who are small for gestational age, until attainment of 1 year of age. (*Small for gestational age* means a birth weight that is at or more than 2 standard deviations below the mean or that is below the 3rd growth percentile for the gestational age of the infant.)
- (8) Major congenital organ dysfunction which could be expected to result in death within the first year of life without surgical correction, and the impairment is expected to be disabling (because of residual impairment following surgery, or the recovery time required, or both) until attainment of 1 year of age.

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**If the child's impairment is functionally equivalent in severity to a listed impairment, and it meets the duration requirement, the child will be determined disabled.**

**If the child's impairment is not functionally equivalent in severity to a listed impairment, or the duration requirement is not met, the child will be determined not disabled.**

**If the child has an impairment or combination of impairments that meets or equals a listing, and also meets the duration requirement, the child will be determined disabled.**

*Note: If the medical criteria in the children's listings do not apply, the adult medical listings should be used.*