



**SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU**

**COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE  
Policy Manual**

**Section: SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

**Subject: Services to Children Under Age 21**

*Reference: 37.40.1005, 37.40.1111*

**PURPOSE**

This policy outlines the scope of Community First Choice/Personal Assistance Services (CFC/PAS) that are provided to members under the age of 21.

**PROCEDURE**

1. The CFC/PAS program is available to consumers under the age of 21, given the following conditions:
  - a. Services are authorized based on age appropriateness. This should be measured through a determining of whether, in the absence of the disability, the individual could perform the tasks. For example, all toddlers require assistance with bathing. Older children, however, could bathe themselves in the absence of their disability.
  - b. Services are not authorized to support the family home. Meal preparation is limited to those times when a family member is not available to provide the service. Household tasks are limited to clean-up after CFC/PAS tasks are completed and clean-up of the child's personal space. Laundry and shopping are not routinely available.
  - c. Medical escort is typically not available for children under 16 unless a two-person assist is required for health and safety reasons.
2. Members age 18-20 years, who reside on their own are not subject to this policy.
3. CFC/PAS services are not available for the purpose of daycare, respite, or supervision of children.
4. Children under the age of 18 require a Personal Representative to participate in the self-directed program.