



SSES+ Medically Fragile Eligibility

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After a family has applied for SSES, TEA uses Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data from state records and the “Medically Fragile Indicator” (criteria listed below) to identify eligible applicants. Records data must also show the student is currently enrolled in a Texas public school and served through special education.

Texas PEIMS code defines Medically Fragile using the criteria listed below. For PEIMS code purposes, all criteria must be true.

Whether the student receiving special education and related services **is ALSO:**

- in the age range of birth to 22 years, **AND**
- has a serious, ongoing illness or a chronic condition that has lasted or is anticipated to last at least 12 or more months or has required at least one month of hospitalization, and that requires daily, ongoing medical treatments and monitoring by appropriately trained personnel which may include parents or other family members, **AND**
- requires the routine use of medical device or of assistive technology to compensate for the loss of usefulness of a body function needed to participate in activities of daily living, **AND**
- lives with ongoing threat to his or her continued well-being.

PEIMS also provides a list of some examples of conditions that could be regarded as meeting the definition of “medically fragile.” This is not an exhaustive list.

- Ventilator dependence,
- tracheotomy dependence/breathing through tracheostomy tube,
- nutritional difficulties causing gastrostomy tube dependence,
- bronchial or tracheal malacia,
- congestive heart problems,
- life threatening respiratory infections,
- apnea monitoring,
- kidney dialysis,
- conditions requiring suctioning of lung and throat,
- or state of health is tenuous to the point of being life threatening.

