



Ivy Pediatrics

Infant, Child, & Adolescent Medicine

Policy: Authorization for Utility Company to Prevent Electric Shut-Off for Medically Vulnerable Children Effective 6/20/25

Purpose:

To ensure that households with medically vulnerable children maintain uninterrupted electric service when necessary for life-sustaining or critical medical care.

Eligibility Criteria:

Automatic authorization to prevent electric shut-off will be granted if the child meets **any** of the following conditions:

1. **Age <1 year old** and requires **regular use of albuterol via a nebulizer**. If a child is older than age > 1, they can use an albuterol pump with a spacer
2. **Child is dependent on a respirator or mechanical ventilator.**
3. **Child relies on medical monitoring equipment** (e.g., pulse oximeter, apnea monitor, feeding pump, or other essential electronic medical devices).

Additional Considerations:

- For any medical conditions **not listed above**, a **specialist physician's authorization** (e.g., gastroenterologist, pulmonologist, or relevant specialist) must be submitted for review.
- Documentation (e.g., prescription, medical letter, or equipment verification) may be required to confirm eligibility.

Procedure for Requesting Authorization:

1. The parent/guardian must submit a **completed application form** along with **supporting medical documentation**.
2. If the child meets one of the three automatic eligibility criteria, approval will be granted promptly.
3. If the child's condition does not meet the listed criteria, a **specialist's certification** must be provided for further evaluation.

Duration of Authorization:

- Approved cases will prevent electrical shut-off for **6 months**, after which re-verification may be required.
- In cases of chronic or permanent conditions, longer-term exemptions may be granted with proper documentation.