

Category of Medical Conditions

CATEGORY 1

Life-threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail. Where access to palliative care services may be necessary when treatment fails. Children in long-term remission or following successful curative treatment are not included. (Example: cancer; irreversible organ failure of heart or kidneys)

CATEGORY 2

Conditions where premature death is inevitable, where there may be long periods of intensive treatment aimed at prolonging life and allowing participation in normal activities. (Example: cystic fibrosis; Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)

CATEGORY 3

Progressive conditions without curative treatment options, where treatment is exclusively palliative and may commonly extend over many years (Example: Batters Disease, mucopolysaccharidoses)

CATEGORY 4

Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death (Example: severe cerebral palsy; multiple disabilities such as brain or spinal cord insult; high risk of an unpredictable life threatening event or episode)