§ 2831. Medically fragile young adults. 1. For purposes of this section, "medically fragile young adults" shall mean individuals who meet the definition of children with medical fragility, but for the fact such individuals are aged between twenty-one and thirty-five years old.

2. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to allow medically fragile young adults who reside in pediatric specialized nursing facilities to remain at such facilities. Unless a higher reimbursement rate is expressly authorized by the department, the reimbursement rate and methodology for such medically fragile young adults shall remain the same as it was prior to reaching age twenty-one and shall include a daily per diem rate and coverage for bed holds. Medicaid reimbursement for this population for reserved beds due to hospitalization and for therapeutic and hospice leaves of absence must remain at one hundred percent of the Medicaid rate of medically fragile children, without any daily limit for this population.

3. This section shall be effective if, and as long as, federal financial participation is available therefor.