

# Private Duty Nursing Services (for North Carolina Only)

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## Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of North Carolina.

## Coverage Rationale

### Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older

**Private duty nursing (PDN) is considered medically necessary in certain circumstances.** For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy, Community-Based Services: 3G-1, Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older](#).

### Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age

**Private duty nursing (PDN) is considered medically necessary in certain circumstances.** For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy, Community-Based Services: 3G-2, Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age](#).

### PDN Acuity Tool

Refer to the MCG™ Care Guidelines, [27<sup>th</sup> edition, 2023], Private Duty Nursing, PDN-2001 (HC) PDN Acuity Tool as a guideline to determine the number of hours of Private Duty Nursing services needed by the member.

Click [here](#) to view the MCG™ Care Guidelines.

## Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

CPT Code	Description
T1000	Private duty/independent nursing service(s) – licensed, up to 15 minutes
T1002	RN services, up to 15 minutes

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HCPCS Code	Description
S9123	Nursing care, in the Home; by registered nurse, per hour
S9124	Nursing care, in the Home; by licensed practical nurse, per hour

## References

North Carolina Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits, Clinical Coverage Policies, Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older, No: 3G-1. <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/3g-1-private-duty-nursing-beneficiaries-age-21-and-older/download?attachment>. Accessed July 24, 2023.

North Carolina Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits, Clinical Coverage Policies, Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age, No: 3G-2. <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/3g-2-private-duty-nursing-beneficiaries-under-21-years-age/download?attachment>. Accessed July 24, 2023.

## Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
01/01/2024	<p><b>Supporting Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated <i>References</i> section to reflect the most current information</li> <li>Archived previous policy version CSNC.CDG.017.05</li> </ul>

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