

# Private Duty Nursing Services

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## Application

This Medical Policy does not apply to the states listed below; refer to the state-specific policy/guideline, if noted:

State	Policy/Guideline
Florida	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for Florida Only)</a>
Idaho	None
Indiana	None
Kansas	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for Kansas Only)</a>
Kentucky	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for Kentucky Only)</a>
Nebraska	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for Nebraska Only)</a>
New Jersey	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for New Jersey Only)</a>
New Mexico	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for New Mexico Only)</a>
North Carolina	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for North Carolina Only)</a>
Ohio	<a href="#">Private Duty Nursing Services (for Ohio Only)</a>
Pennsylvania	None
Tennessee	None

## Coverage Rationale

**Private Duty Nursing services with Skilled Care** are covered in certain circumstances. These services are covered according to the federal, state, and contractual requirements and only when meeting the definition of [Skilled Care](#) below. Once the coverage for Skilled Care has been established, for the number of Private Duty Nursing hours, refer to the InterQual® LOC: Home Care Q & A, Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Assessment.

[Click here to view the InterQual® criteria.](#)

Requests should be documented using Home Health Certification (CMS-485), which includes the plan of care signed by a physician (M.D. or D.O.) or signed by an advanced practitioner (NP, CNS, or PA) in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

## Medical Records Documentation Used for Reviews

Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. Medical records documentation may be required to assess whether the member meets the clinical criteria for coverage but does not guarantee coverage of the services requested; refer to the protocol titled [Medical Records Documentation Used for Reviews](#).

## Definitions

Check the federal, state, and contractual requirements that supersede the definitions below.

**Private Duty Nursing:** Provision of continuous Skilled Care from registered nurses (RNs) or licensed practical nurses (LPNs) under the direction of the member's physician (CFR § 440.80).

**Skilled Care:** A type of health care given when you need skilled nursing or rehabilitation staff to manage, observe, and evaluate your care (CMS Glossary).

**Skilled Nursing Care:** A level of care that includes services that can only be performed safely and correctly by a licensed nurse (either a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse) (CMS Glossary).

## 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.

HCPCS Code	Description
T1000	Private duty/independent nursing service(s), licensed, up to 15 minutes
<b>The following Private Duty Nursing codes may be applicable based on the state contract and/or Medicaid Fee Schedule.</b>	
S9123	Nursing care, in the home; by registered nurse, per hour (use for general nursing care only, not to be used when CPT codes 99500-99602 can be used)
S9124	Nursing care, in the home; by licensed practical nurse, per hour
T1001	Nursing assessment/evaluation
T1002	RN services, up to 15 minutes
T1003	LPN/LVN services, up to 15 minutes
T1030	Nursing care, in the home, by registered nurse, per diem
T1031	Nursing care, in the home, by licensed practical nurse, per diem

## References

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Glossary. Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/glossary>. Accessed May 28, 2025.

Code of Federal Regulations, §440.80 Private duty nursing services: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-C/part-440/subpart-A/section-440.80>. Accessed April 1, 2025.

## Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
04/01/2026	<b>Template Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Removed content/language pertaining to the state of Louisiana</li></ul>

Date	Summary of Changes
09/01/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine review; no change to coverage guidelines</li> <li>• Archived previous policy version CS102.T</li> </ul>

## Instructions for Use

This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual<sup>®</sup> criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. The UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.