



## PRIVATE DUTY NURSING ACCEPTANCE

Participant Name	MO HealthNet ID Number
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Private duty nursing services are a benefit for MO HealthNet participants (ages 0-20) who have a medical problem that requires individual and/or continuous care that exceeds the family's ability to independently care for the child.

The purpose of the Private Duty Nursing program is to provide quality, safe, cost-efficient skilled nursing care when the participant requires a minimum of four (4) hours of skilled nursing care per day. Skilled nursing care is prescribed care that can only be provided by a licensed RN or LPN. It is medically necessary care to treat or ameliorate a medical condition identified as a result of a Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) screening. The intention of the program is to support not replace the parent(s)/responsible party(ies).

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Special Health Care Needs' (BSHCN) staff will prior authorize the medically necessary number of hours of private duty nursing per day. BSHCN Service Coordinators will conduct home visits at least every three months to determine the need for continued services and the appropriate number of hours to be provided. BSHCN Service Coordinators may consult with the physician and provider agency regarding approval of the treatment plan hours.

Private duty nursing is only provided to individuals in homes where there is a primary caregiver who is able to assist in the care of the patient. Only those hours that are required to educate the caregiver in the medically necessary care of the patient or to provide the needed care to stabilize/maintain the patient's condition will be authorized. It is the policy of MO HealthNet and BSHCN that 64 units (16 hours) per day is the maximum amount of PDN services that may be authorized. Exceptions to the policy can be made on a short term basis not to exceed 21 consecutive days or with the notification of the BSHCN Regional Coordinator and approval of the Program Manager when there is documentation of the medical necessity to support this need. Private duty nursing providers must document the date and time of all services furnished.

**IMPORTANT:** Private duty nursing services which are **not** covered include the following:

- When it is determined that at least four (4) hours of skilled care per day is not medically necessary
- Services not prescribed by a physician
- Observational care or monitoring medical conditions that do not require medically necessary intervention by skilled nursing personnel
- Services that were not prescribed to treat or ameliorate a condition identified as a result of a HCY screening
- Custodial, sitter and respite services
- Services after the recipient is admitted to a hospital or a nursing facility
- Services after the recipient is no longer eligible for Medicaid
- Services for recipient age 21 or over

By signing this form, the primary caregiver acknowledges discussion and receipt of information from the DHSS Service Coordinator about the Missouri Medicaid Private Duty Nursing Program, including the program limitations. This form will be retained in DHSS, BSHCN records.

Parent/Responsible Party	Date
Service Coordinator (DHSS)	Date