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### NON-COVERED SERVICE

Private duty nursing (PDN) is the *delivery of professional nursing services* by the provision of individual and continuous care (in contrast to part-time or intermittent care). PDN services are provided by a licensed nurse acting within the scope of the Missouri Nurse Practice Act according to an individualized Plan of Care approved by a physician. Services within the MO HealthNet PDN program include shift care by a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN).

MO HealthNet does not consider time spent waiting for a school bus to bring the participant home or time spent waiting for a parent to bring the participant home as a *delivery of professional nursing services*; therefore, units of time for these purposes are not covered MO HealthNet services.

### 15 MINUTE UNIT REQUIREMENTS

A unit of PDN care service is a full 15 minutes of direct service to the participant. Combined or partial units are not billable to MO HealthNet. PDN minutes may *not* be “accrued” to equal a unit and providers should not bill for a unit of less than 15 minutes. For more information please reference Section 12.2.A of the Private Duty Nursing Manual.

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**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline  
573-751-2896**