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PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

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APPLIES TO: PRIVATE DUTY NURSING PROVIDERS/BILLERS

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ACCRUAL OF MINUTES

A unit of private duty nursing service is 15 minutes. Effective for dates of service on and after February 1, 2020, it is permissible to accrue partial units of less than 15 minutes for several dates of service and bill the total, in whole units (15 minutes), at the end of the day on which the whole unit is accrued. The care delivery must be consistent with the written plan of care. For example, a provider delivers care from 10:00 AM to 2:05 PM on June 1, then provides care from 10:00 AM to 2:10 PM on June 2. Sixteen units of services are billed for June 1, and 17 units of services are billed on June 2. Partial units may only be accrued during the same calendar month and may not be carried over and accrued in a different calendar month.

APPLICABILITY

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organization for questions regarding private duty nursing billing and reimbursement.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- 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 MO HealthNet ID card.

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