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Private Duty Nursing Program

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State Regulation 13 CSR 70-95.010, MO HealthNet Private Duty Nursing Care under the Healthy Children and Youth Program, has been amended. The following regulatory changes are effective November 30, 2020.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING DEFINITION

The private duty nursing (PDN) definition is updated to remove the requirement that services be provided “according to an individual plan of care approved by a physician” to “under the direction of the participant’s physician.”

SERVICES PROVIDED BY LEGAL GUARDIANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

A MO HealthNet Division enrolled PDN agency may be reimbursed for PDN services rendered by a legal guardian or family member. A family member is defined as a parent; sibling; child by blood, adoption, or marriage; spouse; grandparent or grandchild. The PDN caregiver who delivers the direct care must have a valid registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) license in the State of Missouri and be employed by the MO HealthNet Division enrolled PDN provider.

PDN services provided by a family member or legal guardian for a single participant or multiple participants with the same residence may not exceed 12 hours per day up to a maximum of 40 hours per week. A family member or legal guardian shall not provide more than 40 hours of

service in a 7-day period. For a family member or legal guardian, 40 hours is the total amount allowed regardless of the number of children who receive services.

RN NURSE SUPERVISOR

The RN supervisor experience requirement is updated to allow experience as a LPN to be included in the required 3 years of nursing experience.

LPN ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

An LPN with 3 years' experience may act as the assistant supervisor under the RN supervisor. One year of experience must be in high acuity pediatric nursing care in a hospital, home care agency or residential setting. The assistant nursing supervisor may be responsible for case conferences with staff nurses, documenting the conferences, developing plan of care after the initial plan of care has been established by an RN, orientation, training and evaluation of direct care staff and other duties delegated by the Nursing Supervisor.

DOCUMENTATION

State regulation has been amended to require daily documentation, rather than weekly. PDN services must continue to be documented on at least a daily basis for each date services are provided.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT

The nurse health assessment requirement has been removed from the State regulation. Providers continue to be responsible for ensuring a nurse's health permits performance of the required services.

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) TESTING

The TB testing information has been removed from the State regulation. The following policy regarding TB is added to the provider manual.

Centers for Disease Control guidelines regarding tuberculosis (TB) testing for health care workers are to be followed.

MEDICALLY FRAGILE ADULT WAIVER (MFAW)

The MFAW has been amended to include the above changes regarding the provision of private duty nursing services. These changes are effective November 30, 2020, for the MFAW.

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- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

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