

## **PROVIDER BULLETIN**

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### **PRIVATE DUTY NURSING PROGRAM**

**Applies to: Private Duty Nursing**

**Effective date: Immediately**

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#### **PLACE OF SERVICE FOR PRIVATE DUTY NURSING CLARIFICATION**

Participants who require and are authorized to receive private duty nursing (PDN) in the home may, with the consent of the parent(s)/responsible party(ies), utilize their approved services outside the home during the hours when their normal life activities take them outside the home setting. Normal life activities outside the home include those that occur in a day care setting. The nurse may accompany the participant, but may not drive. Please reference Section 13.6 of the PDN Provider Manual for additional information.

#### **MULTIPLE PDN PROVIDERS**

There are times when one PDN agency is unable to staff all the PDN services authorized for a participant. A participant may utilize multiple PDN provider agencies to provide the authorized units of PDN services. Services must be prior authorized for each provider agency. A specific number of hours is authorized to each provider agency based on the anticipated services each agency will provide. The authorized hours can be adjusted and/or moved to another agency in the event an agency is not able to staff their authorized hours but another agency can. Contact the appropriate [Regional Office for the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs](#) to adjust the authorization. If an unforeseen, urgent or emergency situation arises resulting in a need to adjust the authorization, the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs should be contacted within 72 hours after the event.

## **PROVIDER PARTICIPATION**

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) accepts new applications from PDN providers at all times. The following are requirements to be enrolled as a PDN Program provider. Additional information may be found in [Section 13.2 of the MO HealthNet Private Duty Nursing Provider Manual](#).

- Be a Medicare certified and MO HealthNet Program enrolled home health agency provider; or
- Be accredited by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Organization (JCAHO) or the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAPS); or
- Submit a Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Provider Agreement Addendum to MMAC/Provider Enrollment. This addendum is required only if one of the above criteria is NOT met. The addendum is available at <http://mmac.mo.gov/providers/provider-enrollment/new-providers/provider-enrollment-forms/>

Agencies interested in becoming a provider should contact [Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance](#), at [mmac.providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov](mailto:mmac.providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov).

## **NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT**

Missouri is a participating state in the [Nurse Licensure Compact \(NLC\)](#). The NLC enables nurses to practice across the country without having to obtain additional licenses. The NLC has uniform licensure requirements so that all participating states can be confident the nurses practicing within the NLC have met a set of minimum requirement regardless of the home state in which they are licensed. A nurse possessing a multi-state license in a compact state meets the licensure criteria to provide PDN in the MHD PDN Program without obtaining a Missouri license. The states currently participating in the NLC can be found on the [National Council of State Boards of Nursing](#) web.

## **PROGRAM CHANGES**

Providers are reminded of other program changes they may wish to review. These changes may be found in the provider bulletins at the following links:

<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin43-12.pdf>

<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin42-27.pdf>

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) website at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD website at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

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**