



Long Term Care Division

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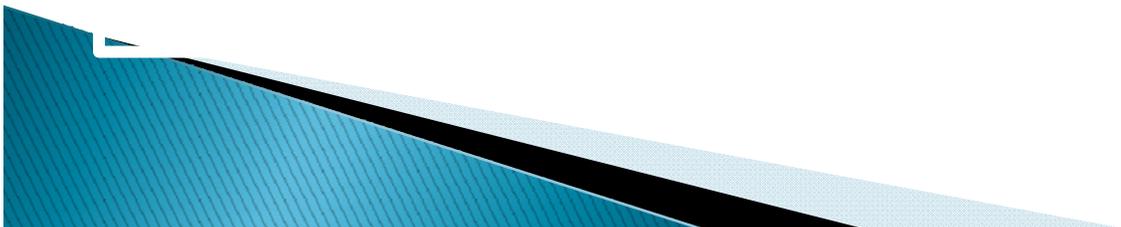
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An Overview of

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

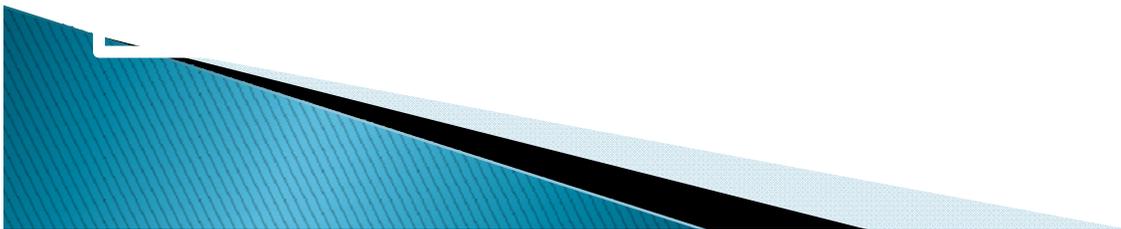
What is Private Duty Nursing?

- ▶ Nursing services provided in the home for eligible individuals requiring continuous skilled nursing care.
- ▶ These services must be a result of an EPSDT screening referral.
- ▶ The service must be prior authorized by the Alabama Medicaid Agency, prior authorization



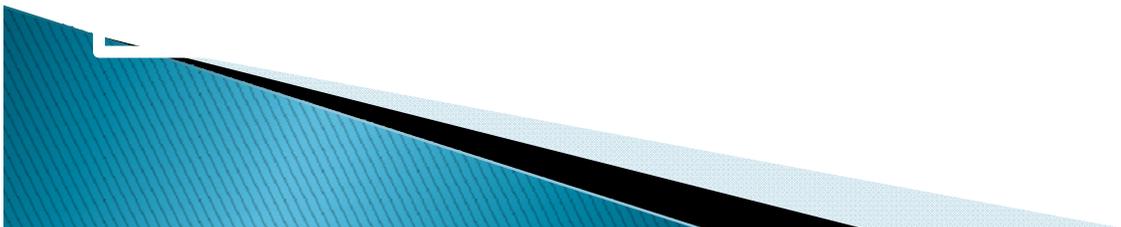
Targeted Population

- ▶ Alabama Medicaid provides Private Duty Nursing Services to individuals under age 21 years of age who has been diagnosed with a life threatening condition requiring attention around the clock.
- ▶ The need for constant care must exceed the family's ability to care for the recipient without the assistance of at least four hours of continuous skilled nursing care.



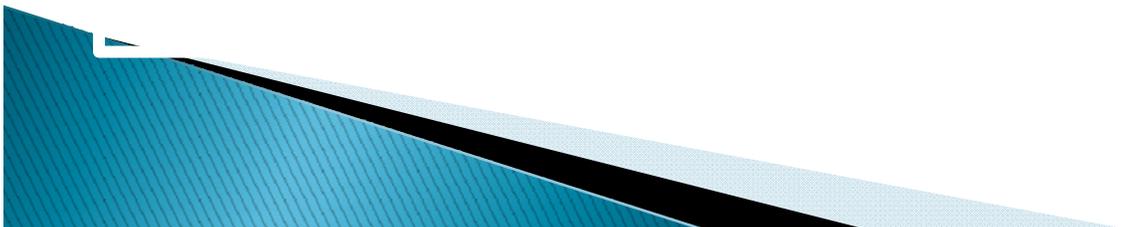
Medicaid Coverage

- ▶ Alabama Medicaid provides professional nursing services for infants, children and adolescents with chronic conditions within a nurturing home environment that maximizes the capabilities of the individual and minimizes the effects of the condition or disability.
- ▶ The agency also provides teaching, supervising, and delegating care to caregivers by the private duty nurse is critical in reaching the goal of the program.



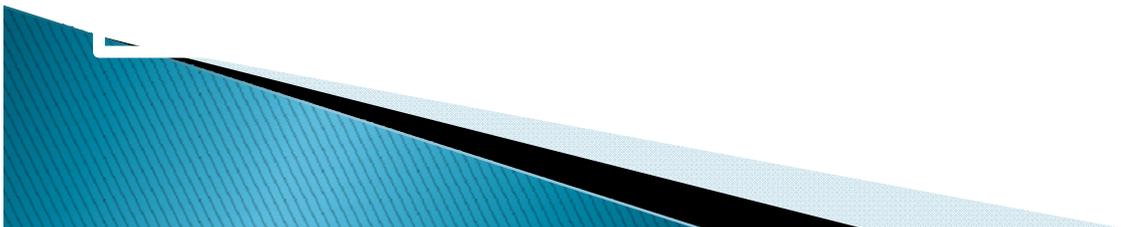
Medical Criteria

- ▶ Non-ventilator dependent individuals
- ▶ Primary conditions:
 - Tracheotomy
 - Total Parental Nutrition
 - Intravenous Therapy



Medical Criteria

- ▶ **Secondary Conditions:**
 - Decubitus Ulcers
 - Colostomy or Ileostomy care
 - Suprapubic Catheter Care
 - Internal Nasogastric or Gastrostomy



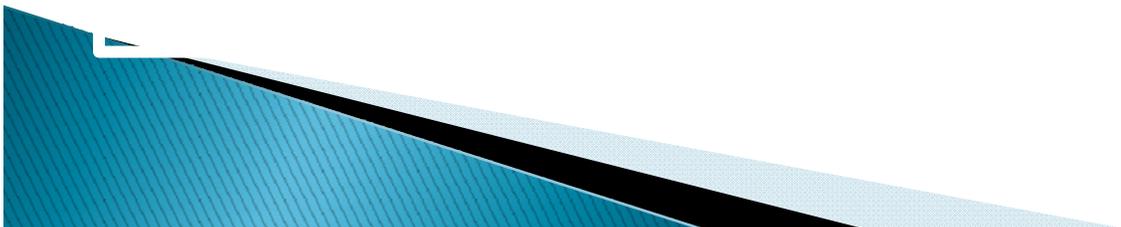
Medical Criteria

Diagnosis Criteria

- ▶ Severe neuromuscular, respiratory, or cardiovascular disease not requiring mechanical ventilator support;
 - ▶ Chronic liver or gastrointestinal disorders with associated nutritional compromise;
 - ▶ Multiple congenital anomalies or malignancies with severe involvement of vital body functions;
 - ▶ Serious infections which require prolonged treatment.
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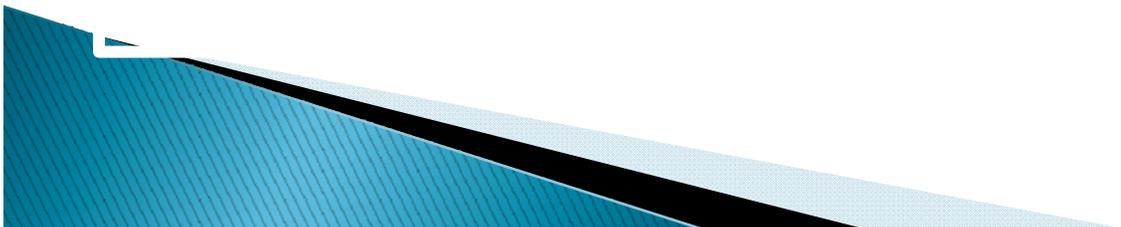
Primary Conditions

- ▶ Ventilator Dependent Individuals
- ▶ Mechanical ventilator support is necessary for at least six hours per day and attempted weaning is in progress at least weekly.
- ▶ Frequent ventilator checks are necessary
- ▶ Oxygen supplementation for ventilator dependent individuals is at below an inspired fraction of 40%.



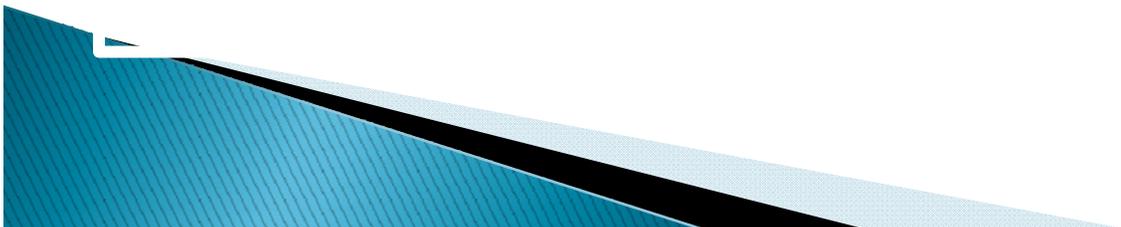
Diagnosis Criteria

- ▶ Neuro muscular disease involving the respiratory muscles
- ▶ Brainstem respiratory center dysfunction
- ▶ Severe thoracic cage abnormalities
- ▶ Lung disease associated with cardiovascular disorders



Provider Information

- ▶ **Private Duty Nursing Agencies**
- ▶ **Rates**
 - Services provided by a registered nurse—\$24.00 per hour.
 - Services provided by a licensed practical nurse—\$22.00 per hour.



If you have further questions regarding
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