Long Term Care Division
P R E S E N T S

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 Parenteral Nutrition
  - Intravenous Therapy
Medical Criteria

Secondary Conditions:
- Decubitus Ulcers
- Colostomy or Ileostomy care
- Suprapubic Catheter Care
- Internal Nasogastic or Gastrostomy care
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 malignacies with severe involvement of vital body functions;

- Serious infections which require prolonged treatment.
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.
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