

Enhanced Personal Care Services In Lieu of Service UM Guideline

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Description

To provide Enhanced Personal Care Support Services to members receiving Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) with personal care service (PCS) needs. This service will support the member's independence, maintain their ability to live in their home and avoid long term nursing facility placement. The benefit is limited to 24 hours per year (365 days).

Clinical Indications

Medically Necessary:

- Member has qualified for, been approved for, and has maximized the benefit limit contained within North Carolina CCP 3L; Under CCP 3L PCS is maximized at 130 hours per month.
- The member's clinical condition meets requirements for PCS, and has at least 1 of the following qualifying criteria, and the attending provider attests that additional hours would help to ensure maintenance of health, safety and welfare of the member at home rather than a long term care facility:
 - a. dementia or other cognitive deficits in an otherwise alert or ambulatory recipient;
 - b. primary caregiver who is 80 or more years of age or who has a disability confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the disability interferes with caregiving ability; or
 - c. determination by Adult Protective Services that additional hours of PCS would help ensure the recipient's health, safety, and welfare.

Limitations on Coverage:

- Benefit maximum of 24 hours per year (365 days)
- Enrollee does not meet required criteria under NC Medicaid State Plan PCS CCP 3L

Program Requirements

- Enrollee must qualify for PCS according to NC Medicaid State Plan PCS CCP 3L and have a current active authorization for personal care services.
- Be at risk of requiring facility based care and would have to be placed in custodial long term care in the absence of a combination of state plan benefit services and in lieu of services.
- Current PCS under the state plan benefit must be authorized to the maximum limit of 130 hours per month in order to be eligible for enhanced PCS ILOS.

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Procedure Code	Service Description	Rate	Billing Frequency
T1019 U1	Enhanced Personal Care Services	3.90	Per 15 min unit

Discussion/General Information

Eligible providers must meet the following:

- a. Home care agency licensed by the DHSR to operate in the county or counties where the PCS Services are being provided; or
- b. Residential facility licensed by the State of North Carolina as an adult care home as defined in G.S. 131D-2, or a combination home as defined in G.S. 131E-101(1a); or
- c. Residential facility licensed under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes and defined under 10A NCAC 27G.5601 as a supervised living facility for two or more adults whose primary diagnosis is mental illness, a developmental disability, or substance use disorder.

Definitions

In Lieu of Services (ILOS): Services or settings that are not covered under the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan but are a medically appropriate, cost-effective alternative to a State Plan covered service.

Acronyms

LTSS: Long Term Services and Supports

ILOS: In Lieu of Services

CCP: Clinical Coverage Policy

PCS: Personal Care Services

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References

North Carolina Clinical Coverage Policy 3L, State Plan Personal Care Services (PCS)

NC DHHS Approved ILOS Document:

BCBS_BCM07^AG-04_In_Lieu_of_Services_Enhanced_Personal_Care_Supports

NC PHP Contract: Revised and Restated RFP 30-190029-DHB; section C., 1. g. In Lieu of services

Websites for Additional Information

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/clinical-coverage-policies/community-based-services-clinical-coverage-policies>

<https://provider.healthybluenc.com/north-carolina-provider/manuals-and-guides>

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