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ILOS - Enhanced PDN

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#### Description

To provide enhanced private duty nursing (PDN) services in the home to support members' skilled nursing needs and avoid costly institutional placement. The service will avoid costly institutional placement as well as support a member's ability to remain in their home/communities. Individuals who have reached the maximum number of PDN hours under the state plan benefit of 16 hours per day may qualify for an additional 8 hours, increasing services up to 24 hours per day.

#### **Clinical Indications**

## **Medically Necessary:**

- Member has qualified for, been approved for, and is receiving the maximum PDN under the benefit limit contained within North Carolina CCP 3G-1 at PDN levels 1 and PDN Level 2.
- The member's clinical condition meets requirements for level 2 PDN, 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. use of respiratory pacer;
  - b. dementia or other cognitive deficits in an otherwise alert or ambulatory recipient;
  - c. infusions, such as through an intravenous, Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) or central line
  - d. seizure activity requiring use of PRN use of Diastat, oxygen, or other interventions that require assessment and intervention by a licensed nurse;
  - e. 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
  - f. determination by Adult Protective Services that additional hours of PDN would help ensure the recipient's health, safety, and welfare.
- Upon reauthorization of PDN services and in order to continue to authorize enhanced PDN all of the above must be confirmed and the member's attending physician must attest that the additional hours continue to be necessary.



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#### **Limitations on Coverage:**

- ILOS benefit maximum of 8 hours per day; total PDN services in combination of the state plan benefit and PDN ILOS cannot exceed 24 hours per day.
- Enrollee does not meet required criteria under NC Medicaid State Plan PDN CCP 3G-1.

#### **Program Requirements**

- Enrollee must meet the requirements for PDN according to NC Medicaid State Plan PDN CCP 3G-1 and have a current active authorization for PDN.
- 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.
- PDN must be authorized at the maximum benefit limit of 16 hours per day under the state plan benefit in order to be eligible for enhanced PDN ILOS.
- Must be age 21 or over.

Coding				
Procedure Code	Service Description	Rate	Billing Frequency	
T1000 UC	Enhanced private Duty Nursing	9.90	Per 15 min unit	

## **Discussion/General Information**

### **Eligible Provider Information:**

PDN services must be provided by home care agencies accredited with Joint Commission, Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP), or Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC); and holding a current license from the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation (DSHR) or as applicable, Eastern Band of Cherokee providers must be a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency. The home care agency shall be an enrolled N.C. Medicaid provider approved by NC Medicaid to provide PDN services. Each office of the home care agency providing services shall have an individual N.C. Medicaid PDN National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.

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#### **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
PDN: Private Duty Nursing

#### References

North Carolina Clinical Coverage Policy 3G-1, Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older

NC DHHS Approved ILOS Document:

BCBS\_BCM07^AL-06\_In\_Lieu\_of\_Services\_Enhanced\_Private\_Duty\_Nursing

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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