

Claims Clarification: Private Duty Nursing for STAR KIDS, STAR and CHIP Members



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan in Texas is sharing this information from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission so you know what's required when billing for **Private Duty Nursing Services**.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission covers private duty nursing services for eligible Texas Medicaid members through age 20, including Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members. PDN services require a level of care delivered by registered nurses or licensed vocational nurses.

To be eligible for PDN services, members must meet the medical necessity criteria and require individualized, continuous, skilled care beyond the level of skilled nursing visits. Medicaid members who are ages 20 or younger and eligible for Texas Health Steps are entitled to all medically necessary PDN services to promote independence and support living at home. PDN services are considered medically necessary when a member has a disability, chronic condition or physical or mental illness and requires continuous, skillful observations, judgments and interventions to correct or ameliorate his or her health status.

Diagnosis Codes for Specialized Services

Claims must include the appropriate modifier for reimbursement. When using a UA modifier to indicate the delivery of specialized services for member needs involving a tracheostomy or members who are ventilator dependent, please use the appropriate corresponding diagnosis code from this table.

Diagnosis	Description
J95.00	Unspecified tracheostomy complication
J95.01	Hemorrhage from tracheostomy stoma
J95.02	Infection of tracheostomy stoma
J95.03	Malfunction of tracheostomy stoma
J95.04	Tracheo-esophageal fistula following tracheostomy
J95.09	Other tracheostomy complication
J95.850	Mechanical complication of respirator
Z43.0	Encounter for attention to tracheostomy
Z93.0	Tracheostomy status
Z99.0	Dependence on aspirator
Z99.11	Dependence on respirator (ventilator) status
Z99.12	Encounter for respirator (ventilator) dependence during power failure
Z99.81	Dependence on supplemental oxygen
Z99.89	Dependence on other enabling machines and devices



For more details, please visit tmhp.com > Providers > Medicaid Provider Manual > [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual](#) > Home Health Nursing and Private Duty Nursing services Handbook > Private Duty Nursing Services > **4.1 Services, Benefits, Limitations, and Prior Authorization.**

If you have questions, please contact your Provider Advocate directly or call Customer Service at **888-887-9003**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Central Time, Monday – Friday. Thank you.