

## Private Duty Nursing

*Medical Criteria, Parameters for Medically Necessary Hours and Exceptions Process*



Please refer to the member to nurse ratio information below for STAR, STAR Health, STAR Kids or CHIP members receiving Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services.

### Member to Nurse Ratio Indicators with Requesting Physician Approval

- **1:1** – Unstable or acute conditions and co-morbidities which require continuous services, either around-the-clock or for protracted periods of time, every 24 hours. These include but are not limited to:
  - a. New onset of mechanical ventilation.
  - b. New insertion of tracheostomy.
  - c. A condition which requires continuous skilled nursing interventions.
  - d. Newly prescribed continuous infusion therapy, Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) or newly prescribed continuous enteral or nasogastric feedings.
  
- **2:1** – Chronic conditions which require continuing skilled interventions which include but are not limited to:
  - a. Member stable on mechanical ventilator, as evidenced by no Emergency Room (ER)/hospitalizations for pulmonary exacerbations for 30 days.
  - b. Infusion therapy, TPN or continuous enteral or nasogastric feedings.
  - c. Both members are located in the same home.
  
- **3:1** – Chronic condition without recent exacerbation and which requires frequent skilled interventions which include but are not limited to:
  - a. Continuous enteral feedings.
  - b. All members are located in the same home.

### Exceptions to 2:1 or 3:1 Ratio

- Members that exhibit reportable transmittable or communicable diseases as defined by Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC) will not be paired together.
- Two members requiring mechanical ventilation will not be paired together.
- Two members with active Cystic Fibrosis diagnoses will not be paired together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Superior Account Manager. You can find your Account Manager by visiting [www.SuperiorHealthPlan.com/providers/resources/find-my-provider-rep.html](http://www.SuperiorHealthPlan.com/providers/resources/find-my-provider-rep.html).