

# STAR Health Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Medical Criteria, Parameters for Medically Necessary Hours & Exceptions Process



## **A. Ratio Member to Nurse Indicators with requesting physician approval:**

1. 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. 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 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 foster home.
  
3. 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 foster home.

## **B. Exceptions to 2:1 or 3:1 Ratio:**

1. Reportable transmittable or communicable diseases as defined by Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC).
2. Two members requiring mechanical ventilation will not be paired together.
3. Two members with active Cystic Fibrosis diagnoses will not be paired together.