

## STAR Health Private Duty Nursing (PDN)

### Billing Guide - Patient to Nurse Ratios

Utilization review is performed to determine medical necessity and the appropriate patient to nurse ratio for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) hours when a single nurse is caring for one or more members/patients. The table below details the billing methodology applicable to care of up to three members/patients by a single nurse.

Patient to Nurse Ratio	Hierarchy of Individualized Patient Hours/Day	Required Modifier (As Applicable)	Allowable Percentage
1:1	100%	TE or TD	100% of contracted rate
2:1	PRIMARY	TE or TD	100% of contracted rate
	SECONDARY	Primary TE or TD; Secondary U2	75% of contracted rate
3:1	PRIMARY	TE or TD	100% of contracted rate
	SECONDARY	Primary TE or TD; Secondary U2	75% of contracted rate
	TERTIARY	Primary TE or TD; Secondary U4	50% of contracted rate

*Note: TE or TD modifier must always be placed in the first modifier position in all PDN claim submissions.*

For more information, please refer to the *Superior HealthPlan STAR, CHIP, STAR+PLUS, STAR Health and STAR Kids Provider Manual*, section 10, by visiting: [www.SuperiorHealthPlan.com/providers/training-manuals.html](http://www.SuperiorHealthPlan.com/providers/training-manuals.html).

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