



Private Duty Nursing (PDN)

Private duty nursing services are medically necessary services provided by a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) to an Arkansas Medicaid beneficiary. Beneficiaries can receive these services in their home, a Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) community provider facility, or a public school.



PDN services support beneficiaries who have complex medical needs and require individual, continuous care.

How do Private Duty Nursing Services Help Beneficiaries?

Private duty nurses provide care to beneficiaries under the plan and direction of a doctor. Private duty nursing services offer more in-depth and hands-on medical care to beneficiaries in a home setting, helping them to stay connected to their families and community by receiving care in a familiar and comfortable environment.

What are the Eligibility Requirements for PDN Services?

To be eligible for these services, applicants must:

- Be eligible for Medicaid.
- Require constant supervision, visual assessment, and monitoring of beneficiary and equipment.
- Meet **one** of the following requirements if under age 21:
 - Be ventilator-dependent when determined medically necessary and prescribed by a physician.
 - Be in the Child Health Services (EPSDT) Program and be a high technology non-ventilator dependent beneficiary who requires at least two of the following services:
 - Intravenous Drugs (e.g., chemotherapy, pain relief, or prolonged IV antibiotics)
 - Respiratory – Tracheostomy or Oxygen Supplementation
 - Total Care Support for ADLs and close patient monitoring
 - Hyperalimentation – parenteral or enteral
- Meet **both** of the following requirements if aged 21 or over:
 - Ventilator dependent (invasive) **or** have a functioning trach that requires suctioning, oxygen supplementation, and receiving Nebulizer treatments.
 - Require specific medication or feeding support.



What Private Duty Nursing Services are Available to Beneficiaries?

The private duty nursing services a person receives are based on their specific needs.
For example, private duty nursing services can help with:



Ventilator Care



Tracheostomy Care



Feeding Tube Care



Oxygen Support



Intravenous Medications

Who is Responsible for Administering PDN?

Private duty nursing services are available to beneficiaries through Arkansas Medicaid, which is managed by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Within DHS, the Division of County Operations (DCO) handles all eligibility, and the Division of Medical Services (DMS) manages program operations.