

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING POLICY LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION: NURSING ACUITY TOOLS

As a reminder, the use of nursing acuity tools; e.g., Interqual and Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG), to make PDN eligibility determinations is not allowable.

Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) must follow all federal and state laws and rules and the provisions of the "Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual" (TMPPM) and their contracts regarding Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services.

Specifically, MCOs must adhere to the Texas Medicaid's Texas Health Steps-Comprehensive Care Program (THSteps-CCP) PDN policy, including policy guidance related to the review and prior authorization of PDN requests, found in Section 4 of the TMPPM's "Home Health and Private Duty Nursing Services Handbook". PDN prior authorization forms are located on the TMHP website: Private Duty Nursing and Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center Prior Authorization Forms and Examples