

**SECTION**  
SERVICES**SUBJECT**

Private Duty Nursing

**Reference: 37.90.447****DEFINITION**

Private duty nursing services are medically necessary services provided to members who require intermittent in home nursing care that is not available from a home health agency.

**SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Private duty nursing services must be provided by a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) licensed to practice in Montana. Persons providing private duty nursing services must meet licensure and certification requirements provided in ARM 24.159.1022 et.seq. Private duty nursing services provided by an LPN must be supervised by an RN, physician, Mid-level dentist, osteopath, or podiatrist authorized by state law to prescribe medication and treatment.

Private duty nursing services are provided only when home health services, as provided in ARM 37.40.701, are not appropriate or available.

Private duty nursing services are provided according to the member's service plan, which documents the member's specific health-related need for nursing. Use of a nurse to routinely check skin condition, review medication, and use or perform other nursing duties in the absence of a specific identified problem is not allowable. General statements such as "monitor health needs" are not considered sufficient documentation for this service.

**LIMITATIONS**

Private duty nursing services are not allowed for Adults in the State Plan. Adults in the SDMI HCBS Waiver are eligible for private duty nursing if medically necessary. Members up to age 21 are eligible for medically necessary private duty nursing State Plan services. Contact the EPSDT nurse at 444-0950 if you have questions.

See HCBS 729, under Specially Trained Attendant if nursing is required on a more than sporadic basis.