



# SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU Community First Choice Policy Manual

**Title:** Home Health Policy 504  
**Section:** ELIGIBLE SERVICES  
**Subject:** Skilled Nursing Services  
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## DEFINITION

Skilled nursing services means nursing services, as defined in the Montana Nurse Practice Act, provided on an intermittent or part time basis to meet the medical needs of a member.

Home Health services are provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse in accordance with the member's plan of care.

## DUTIES OF THE REGISTERED NURSE

A registered nurse will:

1. Make the initial evaluation visit;
2. Regularly reevaluate the member's nursing needs;
3. Initiate the plan of care and necessary revisions;
4. Furnish services requiring substantial and specialized nursing skill;
5. Initiate appropriate preventative and rehabilitative nursing procedures;
6. Prepare clinical and progress notes;
7. Coordinate services;
8. Informs the physician and other personnel of changes in the member's condition and needs;
9. Counsel the member and family in meeting nursing and related needs;
10. Participate in in-service programs; and
11. Supervise and teach other nursing personnel.

**DUTIES OF THE  
LICENSED PRACTICAL  
NURSE**

A licensed practical nurse will:

1. Furnish services in accordance with agency policies;
2. Prepare clinical and progress notes,
3. Assist physicians and registered nurses in performing specialized procedures,
4. Prepare equipment and materials for treatments observing aseptic technique as required, and
5. Assist the member in learning appropriate self-care techniques.

**NON-BILLABLE  
NURSING SERVICES**

The following services are not billable to Medicaid:

1. Visits by a Registered Nurse to the home of a Medicaid member solely for the purpose of supervising a Licensed Practical Nurse or Nurse's Aide or evaluating the member's Home Health needs will not be reimbursed by Medicaid. These services are considered administrative and are not billable;
2. Visits by a nurse to the home of a Medicaid member solely for the purpose to provide case management services will not be reimbursed by Medicaid. This is not a covered benefit; and
3. Visits by a nurse to the home of a Medicaid member solely for the purpose to provide supervision of other non-Home Health services will not be reimbursed by Medicaid. Other home services have the appropriate mechanisms to supervise their services.