

Private Duty Nursing Benefit Language Clarified for Texas Medicaid Effective January 1, 2018

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Effective January 1, 2018, private duty nursing (PDN) benefit language will be clarified for Texas Medicaid.

Private Duty Nursing Benefit Policy Language Clarifications

The following will be clarified in the private duty nursing medical benefit policy:

- Additional prior authorization documentation may be requested for initial requests, *as well as* recertification or revision requests

Additional Prior Authorization Documentation

The PDN provider may be asked to submit additional documentation to support medical necessity when submitting an initial authorization request, a recertification request or a revision request. This additional documentation may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Nurse notes
- Medication administration records
- Seizure logs
- Ventilator logs

For more information, providers may contact the following:

- For fee-for-service clients, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.
- For managed care clients, contact the appropriate Medicaid State of Texas Access Reform (STAR), STAR Health, or STAR Kids health plan.