

Private Duty Nursing (PDN)

Early and Periodic Screenings, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)

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EPSDT PDN Services Overview

Private duty nursing services are skilled services only provided by Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) to Medicaid members from birth through 20 years of age, who require general medical management and skilled nursing care on a continuous basis, but do not require the constant physician care provided in a hospital setting.



Benefits of Private Duty Nursing (PDN)

- Provides skilled nursing care for the child/youth with complex medical needs
- Care is provided at home
- Personalized care that supports health, safety and development
- Helps families manage daily medical needs for their loved ones
- Provides training to caregivers
- Focuses on improving quality of life and long-term health outcomes



Who can get EPSDT PDN?

- Medicaid Members from birth through age 20
- Members who have medical conditions that require ongoing skilled nursing care
- Members who need care that is medically necessary- meaning essential and appropriate
 - Under EPSDT standards, this means care that prevents, corrects, or ameliorates (improves) a health condition.



How a PCP Refers a Member for PDN

Identify Need

- Primary care physician (PCP) determines that the member requires skilled nursing care.

Write a Medical Order and Refer to an Enrolled Agency

- Medical order should include the diagnosis, types of service(s), and hours needed.
- The medical order and referral should be sent to an enrolled PDN agency.

Enrolled Agency Applies for PA

- Once the PCP sends the medical order and referral to the PDN agency. The agency then submits documents to Montana's Contractor and follows up with any additional documentation that Contractor needs to get prior authorization approval.

Wait for Approval

- This typically happens within 10 days once all requested documentation is received.
- Services can only be billed for after the PA is granted. There are no retrospective PA reviews.

Member Receives Services

- PDN services is then given to member from the enrolled agency with qualified RNs and LPNs.
- PA must be renewed every 90 days for the first 6 months, and then every 6 months after or if there is a change in the condition that would require more hours.



2025 Enrolled EPSDT PDN Providers

Credence Home Care: (406) 284-2018

- Greater Gallatin Valley
- Manhattan

North West Home Care, INC: (406) 549-8059

- Billings
- Helena

Maxim Healthcare Services: (410) 910-1500

- Spokane, WA

A Plus Health Care: (406) 752-3697

- Billings
- Bozeman
- Butte
- Great Falls
- Havre
- Helena
- Kalispell

Consumer Direct: (406) 532- 1917

- Billings
- Great Falls
- Missoula



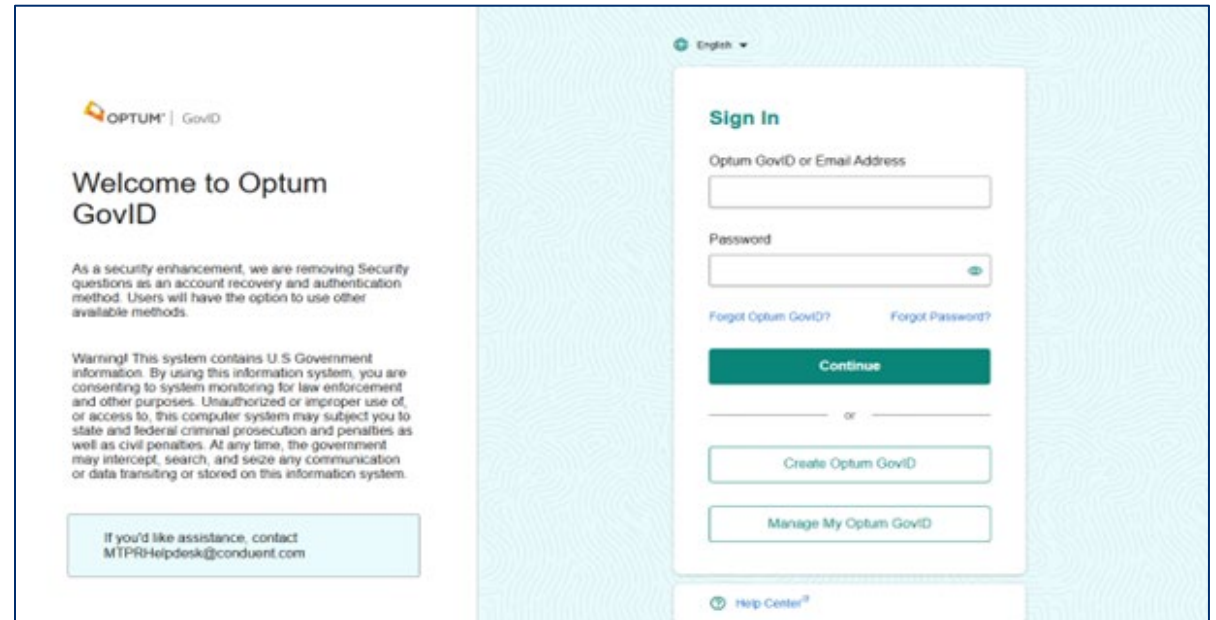
How to Enroll as a Montana Medicaid Provider (ARM 37.85.402)

Basic Medicaid Provider Enrollment

- Must be enrolled with Montana Medicaid.
- Enrollment is completed through the [Optum portal](#).

IHS/Tribal 638 Enrollment Specifics

- Must have 638 agreement to provide services.
- Montana license is not required.
- Approval must be granted by the department.
- Additional information can be found on the [Provider Information Website](#).



The screenshot displays the Optum GovID login and enrollment interface. On the left, a 'Welcome to Optum GovID' message is accompanied by a security notice about the removal of security questions and a warning regarding U.S. Government information. A contact email for assistance is provided at the bottom. On the right, a 'Sign In' form includes fields for 'Optum GovID or Email Address' and 'Password', with links for 'Forgot Optum GovID?' and 'Forgot Password?'. Below the form are buttons for 'Continue', 'Create Optum GovID', and 'Manage My Optum GovID'. A 'Help Center' link is located at the bottom right of the page.

Required Steps for Medicaid Enrollment (ARM 37.85.402)

- Providers must enroll for each category of service they offer.
- Enrollment application submission is required.
- Providers must submit all relevant certificates, licenses, and documents required pertaining to each service category.
- Enrolled with a Nursing Care Agency Taxonomy 251J00000X to Provide PDN Services.

Montana Medicaid requires home care agencies to be enrolled to provide and bill for EPSDT PDN Services.



Reimbursement and Fee Schedule

EPSDT Reimbursement Basics

- 1 unit = 15 minutes
- 4 units = 60 minutes (1 hour)

Example:

If 40 hours of PDN care are prior authorized, but 20 hours are provided and billed:

- 20 hours x 60minutes/hour= 1,200 minutes.
- 1,200 minutes ÷ 15 minutes/unit= 80 units
- CPT Code T1000 (fee schedule: \$10.15 per unit)
- Total reimbursement: 80 units x \$10.15/unit= \$812.00

2024 EPSDT PDN Fee Schedule

Proc	Description	Fee	PA	Min Age	Max Age
T1000	Private Duty/ Independent NSG	\$10.15	Y	0	20
T1002	RN services up to 15 minutes	\$19.30	Y	0	20
T1003	LPN/LVN Services up to 15 minutes	\$14.12	Y	0	20



Requirements for EPSDT PDN Agencies (ARM 37.86.2217)

- Agencies enrolled to give PDN Services, must be incorporated entities and meet the definition of an independent contractor.
- All PDN services must be delivered by RNs or LPNs.
- Nurses must be employed by an agency. The department does not contract with or reimburse individual nurses directly.
- Agencies must be enrolled as a Montana Health Care Programs provider.



EPSDT PDN Service Requirements (ARM 37.86.2217)

PDN Services require prior authorization.

Services must be provided by RNs or LPNs who are employed by an enrolled agency.

Family caregivers must be licensed RNs or LPNs and employed by a Medicaid enrolled agency.

PDN only covers skilled, medically necessary services.

A service is considered skilled if the member's condition requires a professional to perform safely (42 CFR 409.32).

A maximum of 40 hours of PDN services per week is allowed for family caregivers.



Skilled vs. Non-Skilled Nursing Tasks

Examples of Skilled Services Include:

- Tracheostomy care
- Ventilator management
- Sterile dressing changes
- Gastrostomy feedings
- Nasopharyngeal aspiration
- Initiating inhalation equipment

Services NOT Considered Skilled Nursing:

- Respite care
- Daily living tasks such as dishes, laundry, or cleaning
- Bathing
- Meal preparations
- Outings

EPSDT PDN services are approved on a case-by-case basis. In some instances, the complexity of a member's condition may turn what appears to a simple, non-skilled, task into a skilled service. The department's contractor evaluates all aspects; including the member's overall complexity and the skill required for each task, to authorize the appropriate number of service hours.



Prior Authorization for Services (ARM 37.86.2217)

- Medical order from primary care physician
- List the principal diagnosis
- Requested hours of skilled care
- Detailed list of skilled services/treatments
- The frequency of services
- Any additional documentation requested by the contractor
- PA must be received before services begin
- Renewals are required every 90 days for the first 6 months, and then every 6 months after
- Forms are available on the [Medicaid Provider Information Website](#)



Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

EVV was mandated in Montana as of July 1, 2024, via the Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act.

EVV electronically verifies the care delivered by the home health care workers.

Information capture includes:

- Service performed
- Individual receiving the service
- Provider details
- Date and location
- Start/end times

Benefits to the providers:

- Enhanced accountability
- Greater efficiency
- Improved quality measurements



Resources and Support

Private Duty Nursing Program Officer

- Miranda McCabe
Phone: (406) 444-4349
Email: Miranda.McCabe@mt.gov

For Enrollment Help

- Provider Relations Hotline (800)624-3958
- Email: MTRegistration@conduent.com
- [Provider Enrollment Website](#)

[General Information for Providers Manual](#)

Prior Authorization Information

- [Mountain Pacific](#)
Phone:(800) 219-7035
Fax: (406) 513-1922
[Forms](#)

Electronic Visit Verification

- [EVV Website](#)
- EVVQuestions@mt.gov

[EPSDT PDN Provider Manual and Fee Schedule](#)



Definitions

- **ARM-** Administrative Rules of Montana
- **PDN-** Prive Duty Nursing
- **IHS-** Indian Health Services
- **EVV-** Electronic Visit Verification
- **LPN-** Licensed Practical Nurse
- **EPSDT-** Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment
- **CFR-** Code of Federal Regulations
- **Tribal 638-** Health facilities operating under Title I or V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
- **Optum-** Provider Enrollment Website
- **RN-** Registered Nurse

