



WHAT IS PRIVATE DUTY NURSING?

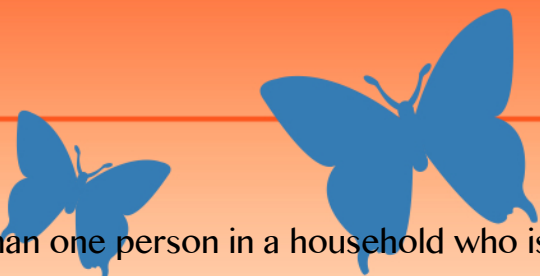
Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services encompass nursing services for recipients who require more individualized and continuous care than is available from a visiting nurse through a Home Health Agency (HHA) or Residential Service Agency (RSA).

Rather than a nursing service that is 4 hours or less and periodic, the Private Duty Nursing services are provided where longer durations of skilled nursing care are required and may include shift care or 24/7 continuous care in certain settings.

Private Duty Nursing shall mean nursing services for recipients who require (8) or more hours or more hours continuous skilled nursing during a 24-hour period.

A person who needs intermittent skilled nursing functions at specific intervals, but who does not require continuous skilled nursing care throughout the period between each interval, shall not be determined to need continuous skilled nursing care. Skill nursing care is provided by a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) under the direction of the recipient's physician to the recipient and not to other household members.





If there is more than one person in a household who is determined to require **Private Duty Nursing** services, it is not necessary to have multiple nurses providing the service. A single nurse may provide services to multiple enrollees in the same home and during the same hours, as long as s/he can provide these services safely and appropriately to each enrollee.

Having *Private Duty Nurses* in a patient's home makes it easy for they're loved ones to visit them as well. Hospitals provide care for patients for a certain amount of time before discharging patients to recover in their own homes. *Private Duty Nursing* offers a wonderful alternative to traditional medical care in medical facilities.

Private Duty Nurses bring versatility to the nursing profession. These highly skilled individuals can offer quality medical care to clients/patients in their home or other medical facilities other than hospitals. They help patients to regain their good health and restore their health one day at a time.

Private Duty Nurses are eligible professionals who work as contractors or through hospital and nursing agencies, delivering healthcare services to a patient or two. They provide primary and focused nursing care and implements care plans that are specialized to individual medical needs





The services that **Private Duty Nurses** provide at Chesapeake Home Health Care include the following:

- ✓ Health Monitoring
- ✓ Nursing Assessments
- ✓ Home Safety Evaluations
- ✓ Chronic Disease Management
- ✓ Diabetes care: Type 1 and Type II Care Management
- ✓ Traumatic Brain Injury Care
- ✓ Medication and Insulin administration
- ✓ Wound Care Management
- ✓ Catheter and Ostomy Care
- ✓ Hospice Care
- ✓ Enteral Tube feedings
- ✓ Catastrophic Injury Care
- ✓ Pulmonary Care
- ✓ Home Ventilator Care and Management

- ✓ Spinal Cord injury Care
- ✓ Seizure Disorder Care
- ✓ Home Oxygen Management
- ✓ Pain care management

Private Care Nurses or Nurse Assistants provide personal care services that include:

- ✓ Monitoring medical status changes of patients
- ✓ Monitoring of diet



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- ✓ Cooking for patients
 - ✓ Shopping
 - ✓ Running Errands
 - ✓ Escorting and Transporting
 - ✓ Cleaning for patients
 - ✓ Homemaking services
 - ✓ Appointment reminders
 - ✓ Contenance Care
 - ✓ Monitoring Vital Signs
 - ✓ Help with transfers and positioning
 - ✓ Bathing, Dressing and Oral Care
 - ✓ Providing various other daily living activities
 - ✓ Post-hospital support and care

