

Private Duty Nursing Assessment – Clarification of Acceptable Assessment for Prior Approval of Services

NYCRR Title 10 and Title 18 contains regulations for the provision of Medicaid coverage of Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services in the patient's home. Private duty nursing services may be provided when a written assessment indicates that the member needs either continuous nursing services which are beyond the scope of care available from a certified home health agency, or intermittent nursing services which are normally provided by the certified home health agency but which are unavailable.

Written assessment can be performed by the following entities:

- Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA);
- The local Social Services department; or,
- A recognized agent of a local Social Services department

Written assessments meeting the standard for use in review of PDN Prior Approval include, but are not limited to:

- Uniform Assessment System Community Assessment (UAS);
- CHHA Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS);
- DMS-1; and,
- M-27r.

The assessment should include independent recommendations addressing the level and frequency of care to be provided to the member. The nurse completing the written assessment should not be the provider that will be performing the Private Duty Nursing services nor shall they be affiliated with the member's family or the member's physician. This will help provide an independent assessment of the member's medical condition and allow the Department to make an informed decision on the level and frequency of the requested nursing services. If an assessment is not listed above, it may be considered if it is substantially equivalent to the listed assessments. Please contact the Prior Approval unit for guidance and use of alternate assessments.

For questions regarding PDN Prior Approval, contact the Bureau of Medical Review at 1-800-342-3005, option 1 or email at OHIPMEDPA@health.ny.gov.