Dear Ms. Twila Rutter;

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a survey of the services identified above. The purpose of the survey was to determine compliance with federal and state standards; to assure the health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving services through the Medically Fragile Waiver; and to identify opportunities for improvement. This report of findings will be shared with the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division for their use in determining your current and future provider contracts. Upon receipt of this letter and report of findings your agency must immediately correct all deficiencies which place Individuals served at risk of harm.

During the course of your survey no deficiencies were found. Therefore, no future action is require of your agency.

We want to thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform. Please call Review Team Lead at 505-231-6249 or email at corrina.strain@state.nm.us if you have questions regarding the survey or report. The Developmental Disabilities Medically Fragile Program Manager can be contacted at 505-841-2913 if you have any questions.
Sincerely,

**Corrina B Strain BSN, RN**

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**Survey Process Employed:**

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Administrative Locations Visited
- Number: 1

Personnel Interviewed
- Number: 3

Administrative Files Reviewed:
- Billing Records/Process
- Incident Management Records
- Agency Policy and Procedure
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

CC Distribution List:
- Department Health Improvement (DHI) - File
- Developmental Disabilities Support Division (DDSD)
- Medical Fragile Program Director
- Human Services Department (HSD)
## Private Duty Nursing Reimbursement

**TAG # MF25 Private Duty Nursing Aide-Reimbursement**

New Mexico Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Medically Fragile Waiver (MFW) effective 01/01/2011

**PRIVATE DUTY NURSING**

**III. REIMBURSEMENT**

Each provider of a service is responsible for providing clinical documentation that identifies the DSP’s role in all components of the provision of home care: including assessment information, care planning, intervention, communications and care coordination and evaluation. There must be justification in each participant’s medical record supporting medical necessity for the care and for the approved LOC that will also include frequency and duration of care. Services must be reflected in the ISP that is coordinated with the participant/participant’s representative, other caregivers as applicable, and authorized by the approved budget. All services provided, claimed and billed must have documented justification supporting medical necessity and be covered by the MFW.

- **A.** Payment for PDN services through the Medicaid waiver is considered payment in full.
- **B.** PDN services must abide by all Federal, State and HSD and DOH policies and procedures regarding billable and non-billable items.
- **C.** Billed services must not exceed the capped dollar amount for LOC.

Based on record review and interview. There were no participants over the age of 21 years and/or none receiving Respite services, therefore an administrative review occurred.

When administrative staff #42 was interviewed regarding the agency’s billing process, the process was satisfactory and no deficiencies were identified.

**No Plan of Correction Required.**
D. PDN services are a Medicaid benefit for children birth to 21 years, through the children’s EPSDT program.

E. The Medicaid benefit is the payer of last resort. Payment for the PDN services should not be requested until all other third-party and community resources have been explored and/or exhausted.

F. PDN services are a MFW benefit for the 21 year and older enrolled participant. The MFW benefit is the payer of last resort. Payment for waiver services should not be requested or authorized until all other third-party and community resources have been explored and/or exhausted.

G. Reimbursement for PDN services will be based on the current rate allowed for services.

H. The HH Agency must follow all current billing requirements by the HSD and DOH for PDN services.

I. Service providers have the responsibility to review and assure that the information on the MAD 046 form for their services is current. If providers identify an error, they will contact the CM or a supervisor of the case.
1. The private duty nurse may ride in the vehicle with the participant for the purpose of oversight, support or monitoring during transportation. The private duty nurse may not operate the vehicle for the purpose of transporting the participant.

J. The MFW Program does not consider the following to be professional PDN duties and will not authorize payment for:
1. Performing errands for the participant/participant representative or family that is not program specific.
2. “Friendly visiting,” meaning visiting with the participant outside of PDN work scheduled.
3. Financial brokerage services, handling of participant finances or preparation of legal documents.
4. Time spent on paperwork or travel that is administrative for the provider.
5. Transportation of participants.
6. Pick up and/or delivery of commodities.
7. Other non-Medicaid reimbursable activities.
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Home Health Aide (HHA)

IV. REIMBURSEMENT:

Each provider of a service is responsible for providing clinical documentation that identifies direct care professional (DCP) roles in all components of the provision of home care, including assessment information, care planning, intervention, communications and care coordination and evaluation. There must be justification in each participant’s clinical record supporting medical necessity for the care and for the approved LOC that will also include frequency and duration of the care. All services must be reflected in the ISP that is coordinated with the participant/participant’s representative and other caregivers as applicable. All services provided, claimed and billed must have documented justification supporting medical necessity and be covered by the MFW and authorized by the approved budget.

A. Payment for HHA services through the Medicaid Waiver is considered payment in full.
B. The HHA services must abide by all Federal, State, HSD and DOH policies and procedures regarding billable and non-billable items.
C. The billed services must not exceed capped dollar amount for LOC.
D. The HHA services are a Medicaid benefit for children birth to 21 years though the children’s EPSDT program.
E. The Medicaid benefit is the payer of last resort. Payments for HHA services should not be requested until all other third party and community resources have been explored and/or exhausted.

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