

Nurse Advocacy Alert

Help Improve Access to Medicaid Private Duty Nursing Services!



New Hampshire State Senators need to hear from Medicaid Private Duty Nursing families, patients and nurses! Please contact them to share your story and ask them to fund PDN rate increases.

Contact Your NH State Senator

- Go to www.gencourt.nh.us
- Click on "Senate"
- Click on "Who's My Senator"
- Select your town from the drop-down menu.
- Email, call their office, or send a letter.

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The Problem

Children and adults who rely on Medicaid Private Duty Nursing generally get less than half of the services they need to live safely at home. NH Medicaid's reimbursement rates are too low to enable home care agencies to recruit and retain these specialized nurses. RNs and LPNs can earn much more working in a hospital or providing similar PDN care in Massachusetts.

The Solution

NH Medicaid PDN rates must be increased significantly so agencies can pay competitive wages, attract more nurses, and provide patients with the services they need. It's critical that the NH Legislature fully fund this rate increase in the State Budget.

How You Can Help

- **Contact your NH State Senator in April and May (sooner is better!)**
- **Tell them your story.**
- **Ask them to target \$2.6 million in general funds in the budget for FY '24 and \$5.3 million in FY '25 to stabilize and grow Medicaid Private Duty Nursing.**
- **Consider testifying at the Senate Finance Committee state budget public hearing on May 2nd at 1:00 pm at the State House.**

Sample Message

Senator, my name is _____ and I live in _____.

I am a nurse who cares for a Medicaid Private Duty Nursing patient. My patient is _____ - years old and needs highly specialized services to live safely at home. These services include (give a general description.) **(Do not share any identifiable patient health information!)**

My patient needs _____ hours of care a day, but only receives _____ hours. This is because Medicaid reimbursement is so low that home health agencies cannot hire enough nurses like me to do this specialized work. Without these services, _____ (describe impact on your patient and their family).

Medicaid PDN rates need a major rate increase. Please target \$2.6 million in general funds in the Medicaid budget for FY 24 and \$5.3 million for FY 25 so Medicaid providers can stabilize and grow Private Duty Nursing.

Thank you.