

Increase Medicaid In-home Nursing Rates to Protect Access to Care



Who receives care from the Medicaid Private Duty Nursing (PDN) program?

- A small group of medically fragile, acutely ill North Carolinians who require physician ordered, one-on-one nursing care to stay safely at home
- In 2023, 1,542 individuals received services, of which 74% are children
- Recipients coping with a traumatic brain injury, or are ventilator and tracheostomy dependent requiring hands-on nursing interventions

Annual nursing costs by setting

In-home nursing saves the state between \$83,251 to \$200,329 per recipient per year.



In-home nursing
\$111,345³



Skilled nursing facilities – specialty ventilator beds
\$194,596⁴



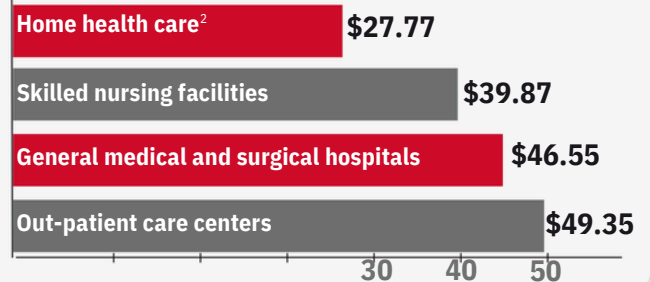
Long-term care hospitals (LTCH)
\$311,674⁵

Benefits of increasing the Medicaid PDN rate for in-home nursing

- Clinically complex, medically fragile children and adults can stay in their homes and out of higher-cost settings
- Helps reduce costly hospital re-admissions, ER visits, and secondary infections
- Creates nursing jobs in the community and allow families to continue to work while being a cost-savings to the state
- Lower cost, better outcomes, patient preferred

Home care nurses are paid less than their counterparts¹

Due to low Medicaid reimbursement rates, home care agencies can't compete with other health care providers for qualified nurses.



Invest **\$19.8M** = Keeping families together by increasing the Medicaid PDN rates to \$65/hr in PDN



In-Home Nursing ≠ Other Government Payers

NC Veteran Affairs reimburses \$133.72 for RNs & \$97.60 for LPNs for the same services

1. 2023 BLS OES Report: <http://www.bls.gov/soc/home.htm>
 2. 2023 BLS NC OES Data
 3. Medicaid SFY 2023 PDN Utilization.
 4. Medicaid Fee Schedule - Vent Facilities - https://ncdhhs.servicenow.com/fee_schedules.
 5. See Clinical Policy 2A-2: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>

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