

3.14.1 - SKILLED NURSING

This service is no longer available as of June 30, 2019, except to a few participants who have already been identified by DOH-DDD and DHS-MQD and may continue to receive Skilled Nursing through June 30, 2020. This service is not available to any new participants.

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| SERVICE DESCRIPTION | <p>Skilled nursing services include services listed in the ISP that are within the scope of the State’s Nurse Practice Act and require the education, assessment, judgment and intervention of a registered professional nurse (RN), or licensed practical nurse (LPN) under the supervision of an RN. The RN and LPN are licensed to practice in the State of Hawai‘i.</p> <p>Skilled Nursing Services include the provision of nursing assessment, treatments and observation consistent with an order by a practitioner with prescriptive authority in accordance with Hawai‘i state law and specified in the ISP in the participant's record.</p> <p>Skilled Nursing services are provided on an intermittent, part-time and time-limited basis. “Intermittent and part-time” is defined as occurring at irregular intervals, sporadic, and not continuous.</p> |
| REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES | <p>Skilled Nursing services must fall within the scope of the State’s Nurse Practice Act and be provided by an RN or an LPN under the supervision of an RN.</p> <p>Skilled Nursing activities, as ordered by a practitioner with prescriptive authority in accordance with Hawai‘i state law. Please refer to examples of non-delegable nursing tasks in Table 1.7-1, Nurse Delegation.</p> |
| TRANSPORTATION | Not included in this service. |
| SERVICE TIERS | Not applicable for this service. |
| LIMITS | Personal care and assistance may be provided when incidental to the delivery of Skilled Nursing as necessary to meet the needs of a participant but may not comprise the entirety of the service. |
| ACTIVITIES NOT ALLOWED | Skilled Nursing Services under the waiver may not replace the services available under the State Plan. Medically necessary skilled nursing services that are covered under the State Plan are provided by the QUEST Integration (QI) health plans. For participants under age 21, Skilled Nursing Services may not be delivered if such services have been determined to be medically necessary EPSDT services to be provided through the QUEST Integration health plans. |

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| | <p>Skilled Nursing Services must not be used in place of Personal Assistance/Habilitation (PAB) or Community Learning Services (CLS) where the participant’s needs could be met with a trained worker performing nurse-delegated tasks in accordance with HRS §457-7.5 but the agency has not hired and trained a worker.</p> |
| <p>STAFF TO PARTICIPANT RATIO</p> | <p>One nurse may provide Skilled Nursing at a ratio of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 - one (1) staff to one (1) participant • 1:2 - one (1) staff to two (2) participants living in the same home |
| <p>PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS (These are in addition to General Standards, See Section 2.2, Table 2.2-1)</p> <p>RN (Column E)</p> <p>LPN (Column F)</p> | <p>Registered Nurse (RN) in accordance with Hawai‘i state law.</p> <p>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in accordance with Hawai‘i state law and working under the supervision of a Registered Nurse.</p> |
| <p>SUPERVISION STANDARDS (These are in addition to General Standards, See Section 2.2, Table 2.2-1)</p> <p>RN (Column E)</p> | <p>On-site supervision of LPNs providing Skilled Nursing services must be furnished by an RN in accordance with Hawai‘i state law.</p> |
| <p>AUTHORIZATION</p> | <p>Authorization for a new (initial) request for Skilled Nursing must be reviewed by the DOH-DDD Case Management Unit Nurse or other DOH-DDD nurse. The initial authorization must be specified in the ISP. Authorizations for Skilled Nursing on a continued or ongoing basis must be reviewed by DOH-DDD at a frequency determined by DOH-DDD and specified in the ISP.</p> <p>DOH-DDD actively reviews the plans of participants where skilled nursing hours are not intermittent, time-limited and/or part-time.</p> <p>For participants who require the assessment, judgment, and skilled interventions of a nurse, and whose families need relief, Skilled Nursing services can be authorized instead of Respite services after</p> |

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| | review by DOH-DDD and must be documented in the ISP and/or Action Plan. |
| ENDING AUTHORIZATION | DOH-DDD will assess through the DOH-DDD review process whether the participant continues to meet criteria for and can benefit from the waiver or whether intense medical needs requiring more continuous nursing care make them more appropriate for QUEST Integration (QI) services from the health plans. |
| DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS | The nurse provides detailed notes of interventions, judgments and assessments and makes documentation available at the frequency specified in the ISP for the DOH-DDD Case Manager and upon request, review by DOH-DDD. |

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES:

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE SUPERVISOR:

The Registered Nurse (RN) supervisor must be immediately accessible and available for participants during Skilled Nursing hours:

1. Immediately accessible is defined as having phone communication and protocol in place;
2. Immediately available is defined as staff being designated as standby or on-call; and
3. A crisis contingency plan must be in place for the behavioral or medical health needs of the participant.

FREQUENCY OF SUPERVISION:

On-site supervision by an RN must be conducted monthly or more frequently as indicated in the ISP and/or Action Plan. The RN supervisor must observe and document the observation of the LPN delivering the service as part of the supervision visit.

LOCATION OF SERVICES:

Services must be provided in a residential or community setting that ensures the health and safety of the participants.

1. Residential settings include:
 - a. the participant’s own home or family home; and
 - b. Licensed and certified settings (subject to DOH-DDD review)
2. Community settings include, but are not limited to, community recreational sites and public settings.