

Nursing

The performance of health care treatments and monitoring of health care procedures that requires specialized judgment and skill as ordered by a Physician/Licensed Medical Practitioner and/or required by standards of professional practice or state law to be performed by a Registered Nurse, a Licensed Vocational Nurse, or a Licensed Nurse Practitioner. Nursing includes the observation, assessment, intervention, evaluation, monitoring, rehabilitation, care, counseling, and health related education of a Covered Individual who is ill, injured, infirm, or experiencing a change in normal health processes.

Nursing:

- must be delivered consistent with professional standards of practice;
- addresses identified individual health and medical needs as determined by assessment and the Person Directed Planning Team in coordination with a Licensed Physician/Licensed Medical Practitioner;
- typically requires face-to-face contact with the Covered Individual to conduct health-related education, assessment, monitoring, and/or provide treatment, including medication administration, for which there is a documented or immediate medical necessity;
- includes Face-to-face or telephone contact with a Licensed Physician regarding the health/medical condition of a specific individual;
- includes interacting face-to-face or by telephone with a person, except a provider of nursing, case management, or other covered counseling and therapies, regarding the Nursing services provided to the Covered Individual;
- includes participation in the Covered Individual's Person Directed Planning meetings;
- includes assisting or observing self-administration of medication;
- includes instructing, and verifying the competency of, or supervising an unlicensed person in the performance of a task delegated in accordance with the Board of Nursing Examiners Nurse Practice Act;
- takes place in a home, facility-based, or office setting, unless specifically authorized by the Service Coordinator;
- is provided as a 1:1 service;
- includes training of non-licensed personnel by a Licensed Nurse in the performance, monitoring, reporting and documentation of health/medical interventions for a Covered Individual;
- does not include transportation of an individual, travel time, or time waiting to provide services, including waiting with a Covered Individual at a medical appointment;
- does not include preparing a treatment or medication for administration and not interacting face-to-face with a Covered Individual;
- does not include storing, counting, reordering, refilling, or delivering medications;

- does not include providing Nursing Services without established and documented medical necessity;
- does not include supervision of services or tasks outside the scope of professional licensure;
- cannot be provided by someone who resides in the same residence as the Covered Individual/Family Member;
- cannot be provided to the minor child by a parent of that minor child;
- does not include time spent writing or review reports and other documents; time spent scheduling medical and other appointments, time spent training about general topics unrelated to a specific Covered Individual, or time spent interacting with other service providers of covered counseling and therapies, nursing, or case management, if not during a Person Directed Planning Meeting.

Unit of Service: 15 minutes

Credentialing Requirement: Licensed by the Texas State Board of Nursing Examiners as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) **or** Registered Nurse (RN) **or** Licensed Nurse Practitioner (LNP).