

ANC and IHA/PNA with PDN Front Porch Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the next step(s) for a patient who is over 20yrs, still needing PDN?

A: CAP/C services are for individuals under 21 years old. They transition to other services when they age out of CAP/C services. Individuals receiving private duty nursing (PDN) and CAP/C services may continue to receive PDN when all service requirements are met. CAP/C and PDN are different services. An individual does not need CAP/C to receive PDN.

Q: What happens when a CAP/C beneficiary ages out?

A: 3 months before the individual's 18th birthday their Medicaid application is looked at for any needed changes. This is when talk about the adult transition plan starts. The individual and their case manager find other services. These services will meet their needs when they age out of CAP/C.

The transition plan is made when the individual is 20 years old. This gives time to move from CAP/C services to those on the adult transition plan.

Q: You said for IHA/PNA with PDN they can't overlap day or night. Do overnight shifts count as overlapping with morning shifts? Example: Friday Night shift ends on Saturday morning.

A: Overlap means same day, same time.

Q: Can parents be the caregiver for their child?

A: When conditions are met parents may be the caregiver for their child. The CAP/C case manager will help parents understand if they meet those conditions.

Q: Does a parent have to be a CNA or Nurse?

A: When services are approved, the case manager will say what type of worker must be hired. In-home Aides and Pediatric Nurse Aides may require CNA certification. Attendant nurse care requires a license as an RN or LPN.

Q: Until these documents become available, what should families do to start these services?

A: Families should work with their case manager. They should start the discussion. They should develop a plan of care (POC) with their case manager.

Q: What documentation is needed from a nursing agency for a parent to be paid for PNA under consumer direction? Example PDN hours are not met and a POC is being made with PNA.

A: PDN hours must be unfilled because the PDN agency cannot hire a nurse. Then the parent, case manager, and PDN agency work together to plan to fill the hours. If the child's needs can be met with PNA the case manager will create an IRA and POC.

Before submitting the POC the case manager gathers documents. The documents from the PDN agency show the hours which cannot be covered. The documents from the case manager show referrals to other PDN agencies. These documents are written proof of eligibility to blend services.

Q: When will the updated CAP/C Clinical Coverage Policy become available? We are 16 months into the new waiver.

A: The CAP/C Clinical Coverage Policy will be finalized and posted within the coming weeks. Public posting lead to a suggestion. The suggestion was to make tools and training on how to use IHA/PNA with PDN and enroll in ANC.

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Q: Is an EMT a CNA? Is an advanced EMT a CNA?

A: The CAP services usually use CNAs. If an EMT meets the hiring requirements approved by an agency or a financial management entity, it may be possible.