





**PC, APC, & RN
Training**

Home and Community
Based Services- State Plan

Bureau of Long Term Services and Support
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PC


Medically-oriented tasks designed to meet maintenance needs of individuals with chronic health conditions who need assistance with activities of daily living


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PC Tasks


- Dietary
- Dressing/grooming
- Bathing
- Toileting/continence
- Mobility/Transfer
- Self-administration of medications
- Medically related household tasks

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APC


Maintenance services provided to a participant in their home to assist with activities of daily living when this assistance requires devices and procedures related to altered body functions

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APC Tasks


- Ostomy hygiene
- Catheter hygiene
- Bowel program
- Aseptic dressings
- Non-injectible medications
- Passive Range of Motion
- Assistive Transfer Device

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RN

- RN visits are provided to participants with stable, chronic conditions. They are **not** for an acute health care condition that is normally provided by home health
- RN to be authorized for participants that have PC, APC or CDS authorized only

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RN Tasks


- Oral meds setup
- Fill insulin syringes
- Monitoring skin condition
- Nail Care
- Evaluate APC
- Train APC Aide

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Other RN Tasks

May include but are not limited to:


- Administration of injectable meds
- Venipunctures
- Catheter changes
- Enemas
- Wound dressing changes
- Central line dressing/flush/blood draws

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RN Visits


The assessor must establish and document that there is no other person available who is willing and able to provide the service:

- Participant lives alone
- Incapability of family members
- Unwillingness/incapability of other available individuals to provide service
- Beyond services that are normally included in RCF/ALF

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General Health Evaluation (GHE)


- All participants receiving PC and APC shall be authorized a minimum of two RN visits per year
- These visits are authorized on the 4th and 10th month of the authorization period
- Participants with regular RN visits shall not be authorized for separate semi-annual RN visit. The provider nurse is to complete the evaluation at the regularly scheduled visit

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General Health Evaluation (GHE)


Participants excluded from the semi-annual nurse visit:

- Residential Care Facility/Assisted Living Facility
- Aged and Disabled Waiver services **only**
- Consumer Directed Services Model **only**
- Independent Living Waiver **only**
- Adult Day Care Waiver **only**

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RN Restrictions


- RN visits may be authorized for a maximum of 26 visits in six months
- RN visits shall not be authorized for services reimbursable as a skilled nursing care through home health
- Participants authorized for residential habilitation services through DMH is not eligible for RN visits

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Cost Maximum


- Personal Care (PC) may be authorized up to 60% of the monthly cost for nursing facility care
- PC along with other Medicaid State Plan and Aged and Disabled Waivered (ADW) services, shall not exceed 100% of cost cap
- RN shall be included in the overall cost of care with one exception:
 - When RN is authorized on at least a monthly basis, one RN shall be excluded from the calculation of a care plan's cost


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Who provides PC, APC, & RN (agency model)?

- Services are provided by an enrolled HCBS provider
- The individual providing the services is an employee of the provider
- The aide cannot be a member of the immediate family of the participant

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Important items

- Services are authorized in 15 minute units
- Tasks must be reasonable and match the needs of the participant
- Prompting and cueing will not be authorized as a task in and of itself
- Participant receiving Department of Mental Health (DMH) Division of Developmental Disability (DD) waiver personal care may also receive PC

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