

What's New - An Overview

Section of Benefit Coverage Standard	Existing Policy (in rule)	Proposed Policy (in draft Benefit Coverage Standard)
Rendering Provider	Outlines requirements regarding RN/LPN training and experience	Delineates specific training requirements for RNs/LPNs and provides additional guidance for caring for vent dependent clients
Agency Requirements	Existing Agency requirements are listed in the Provider Requirement section of rule	Adds Medicare/CDPHE certification & accreditation requirement for HHAs from the Home Health rule
Eligible Place of Service	Briefly referenced in of rule.	Creates Eligible Place of Service section, which includes new guidance regarding school grounds, ALF's, trips outside CO, etc.
Eligible Clients	Generally: Eligible clients must be tech dependent and able to be safely managed in the community through PDN services.	Adds guidance regarding safely managing the client in the community. Moves definition of tech dependence into the eligibility section.
General Requirements	Not currently a section in rule	Defines covered services, reiterates eligibility requirement, mentions duration, scope/severity of clients' needs
Plan of care requirements	4 requirements are currently listed in rule : 485 form; nurse assessment; infrequency of care documentation; emergency plan	Adds plan of care requirements from Home Health BCS: including explanation of medical necessity, 60 day re-assessment. Allows physician signature to be acquired w/in 20 days of creation of plan of care.
Covered Services and limitations	Included in Benefit section: mostly discusses hour limits for children (24hrs)/adults (16hrs) and UM review procedures	Adds a non-exhaustive list of PDN tasks
PAR Requirements		Same rule requirements, adds guidance about requesting continuations/revisions/transfers between agencies during a PAR period
Non-covered Services and Limitations	Allows a client to choose a combination of HH and PDN services if not duplicative. Prohibits hours above those determined to be medically necessary by the UM vendor	Adds language to align with HH BCS indicating Home Health services cannot be used in a shift-nursing manner in order to circumvent the daily hour limitations in the BDN benefit