

Private duty nursing (PDN) services - temporary add-on rate during COVID-19 pandemic

In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, Apple Health (Medicaid) is aware that usual and customary ways of providing and billing/reporting services may not be feasible. It is also understood that different providers will have different capabilities. Therefore, in the interest of public health, Apple Health is trying to be as flexible as possible and is creating new policies that will allow you to provide medically necessary services and bill or report the encounter with the most appropriate code you determine applicable using the guidance below.

Frequently asked questions

What is changing?

Effective for dates of service on and after March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021, two temporary add-on codes may be billed for private duty nursing (PDN) services during the COVID-19 pandemic. These PDN services are administered by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) through the Medically Intensive Children’s Program (MICP).

What are the add-on codes and rate?

The following temporary add-on codes may be billed for PDN services that are authorized for the client and provided by approved agencies.

*Health Care Authority (HCA)-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs) will also follow this policy.

Add-on code	Modifier	Description	Comments	Rate	Associated service code	PA
T1002	CR	Pandemic-related extraordinary services, add-on rate for PDN services RN/LPN per 15 minutes	T1002 units billed cannot exceed the units of services authorized and provided.	\$2.18 for dates of service (DOS) 3/1/2020-6/30/2020 \$1.50 for DOS 7/1/2020 – 3/31/2021 6/30/2021	T1000 (all modifiers)	No
T1031	CR	Pandemic-related extraordinary services, add-on rate PDN services performed in medically fragile group home setting, daily rate	T1031 units billed cannot exceed the units of services authorized and provided.	\$17.68 for DOS 3/1/2020-6/30/2020 \$13.54 for DOS 7/1/2020 - 12/31/2020 \$13.05 for DOS 1/1/2021- 3/31/2021 6/30/2021	T1030	No

How do I bill for PDN services in a home setting (T1000) to receive the increase payment due to COVID-19?

- Bill T1000 with appropriate modifier(s) and authorization number, as usual, for the services rendered.
- Add an additional line and bill temporary add-on code T1002 with modifier CR. This add-on rate may be billed at a 1:1 ratio for every unit provided of private duty nursing and should be included on the same claim. The units entered for the add-on code may not exceed the total units of provided private duty nursing services billed on the claim.

Note: The range of date of services (DOS) for add-on code T1002 should be the first DOS on the claim to the last DOS on the claim. For example, if T1000 modifier TD is billed 3/1/2020-3/5/2020 for 50 units and T1000 modifier TE is billed 3/6/2020-3/12/2020 for 100 units, add a line and bill using add-on code T1002 modifier CR with DOS span 3/1/2020-3/12/2020 for 150 units.

Can I bill for T1002 add-on code if I already have submitted a claim and have received payment?

Yes. If you have already submitted a claim and received payment, please adjust previously paid claim. Select the claim you want to adjust, add an additional line and use the code T1002 with modifier CR and enter units of provided service. The units entered for the add-on code may not exceed the total units of provided private duty nursing service billed on the claim.

Note: The range of DOS for add-code T1002 should be the first DOS billed for T1000 on the claim to the last DOS of T1000 billed on the claim. For example, if T1000 modifier TD is billed 3/1/2020-3/5/2020 for 50 units and T1000 modifier TE is billed 3/6/2020-3/12/2020 for 100 units, add a line and bill using add-on code T1002 modifier CR with DOS span 3/1/2020-3/12/2020 for 150 units. Submit the adjustment.

How do I bill for PDN services in a medically fragile group home (T1030) to receive the increase payment due to COVID-19?

- Bill T1030 with authorization number, as usual, for services rendered.
- Add an additional line and bill add-on code T1031 with modifier CR. This add-on rate may be billed at a 1:1 ratio for every unit provided of private duty nursing and should be included on the same claim.

Note: Add-on code T1031 is a daily rate. The units entered for the add-on code may not exceed the total units of provided private duty nursing service billed on the claim. For example, if T1030 is billed for DOS 6/1/2020-6/30/2020 for 30 units, add a line and bill using add-on code T1031 modifier CR for DOS 6/1/2020-6/30/2020 for 30 units.

Can I bill for T1031 add-on code if I already have submitted a claim and have received payment?

Yes. If you have already submitted a claim and received payment, please adjust previously paid claim. Select the claim you want to adjust, add an additional line and use the code T1031 with modifier CR. This add-on rate may be billed at a 1:1 ratio for every unit provided of private duty nursing.

Note: T1031 is a daily rate. The units entered for the add-on code may not exceed the total units of provided private duty nursing service billed on the claim. For example, if T1030 is billed for DOS 6/1/2020-6/30/2020 for 30 units, add a line bill code T1031 modifier CR DOS 6/1/2020-6/30/2020 for 30 units.

Where else can I find this information?

We have updated the Private Duty Nursing Services Billing Guide to include a note about these add-on codes.