

HELP CHANGE HEALTH CARE For Medically Fragile Children

Who We Are

We're looking to bring the life-changing Family CNA Program to every state for this vulnerable population!

The Family CNA Program allows family members of medically fragile children the opportunity to become trained, certified caregivers (CNAs) for their loved ones at no cost to them. It is currently available in Colorado, and we're working to make it available on a national level.

The Problem

Why have families across the nation been struggling for decades to receive the in-home nursing care the state is obligated to provide for them?

The demand for nursing care to medically fragile children outweighs the supply of nurses available to provide the care.

Medicaid reimbursement rates for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) have remained stagnant for decades.

Often, the result of these challenges is that reliable home care nursing can't be arranged.

These children remain stuck for extended periods of time in hospitals or skilled nursing facilities, awaiting home care nurse staffing to be arranged.

On average every day spent in a facility costs the state ~\$4,500; a number 10-15x more expensive than the average cost of care needed to remain safely at home.

Parents are forced to quit employment and remain home to ensure the care needs for the medically fragile children are met, usually with little to no medical training or oversight.

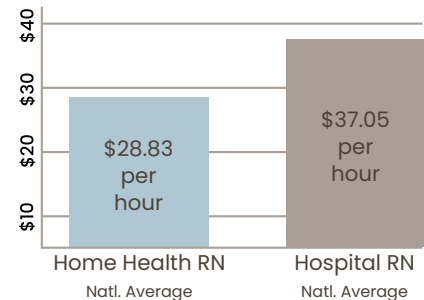
The Solution

Under the Family CNA Program, parents and family members can receive free training to become Certified Nursing Assistants, be hired by a home health agency, and be paid to take on many of the lower acuity medical tasks currently being performed by nurses. The benefits are enormous:

- Parents and family members receive free training for the country's fastest-growing job.
- The state saves about 30% on every hour of nursing care that is replaced by a CNA.
- By working 30 hours per week, the entire family receives a full medical benefits package, 401k, etc.
- The hospitalization rate for these children drops by ~80% when cared for by loved ones under this model, dramatically reducing the overall cost of care at a time when state Medicaid budgets desperately need savings.
- The children are much safer from potential exposure to additional complications due to reduction in hospitalizations and the number of nurses coming in and out of the home.

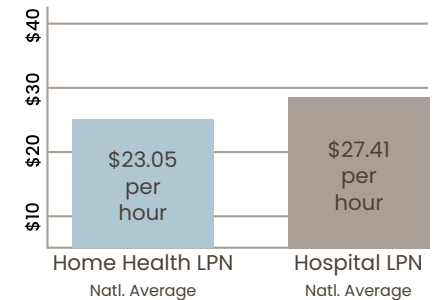
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Licensed Practical Nurse - Hourly Pay Rates



At current rates, home health providers can only compete for:



~ 22%
of the available
workforce of RN's.

Appropriate use of how home health care keeps costs to Medicaid low.

Average Daily Costs:

\$669 **\$2,591**
16 Hours Home Care (8 RN + 8 LPN) Hospital (Inpatient)

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