

## Personal Care Services for Children Criteria

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### Criteria

Plans of care and requests for service are reviewed and points are assigned based on the Function Needs Acuity Scoring Tool (FNAST) and the Social Needs Acuity Scoring Tool (SNAST). Points from each tool are added together and the total number of points is used to determine number of home health aide hours to meet need. See scoring guide below.

Need	Assistance Needed	Frequency	Points
Bathing	Independent		0.00
	Assistance needed		2.00
	Dependent		3.00
Dressing	Independent		0.00
	Assistance needed		2.00
	Dependent		3.00
Toileting	Independent		0.00
	Assistance needed		2.00
	Dependent		3.00
Continence - bowel	Incontinent		2.00
	Continent		0.00
Continence - bladder	Incontinent		2.00
	Continent		0.00
Eating	Independent		0.00
	Assistance needed		2.00
	Dependent		3.00
Orthotics:	Upper Extremities	q 2hr	2.50
		q 4hr	2.00
		On/Off daily	1.00
	Lower Extremities	q 2hr	2.50
		q 4hr	2.00
		On/Off daily	1.00
Transfer assist	Minimum assist		1.00
	Maximum assist		2.00
Ambulation:	Independent		0.00
	Assistance needed		2.00
	Dependent		3.00
Medical Equipment (Describe misc. medical equipment)	Wheelchair		2.00
	Hospital Bed		2.00
	Hoyer Lift		2.00
	Misc.		2.00
ROM		> q 2hr	4.00
		q 2hr	3.00
		q 4hr	2.00
		< q 4hr	1.00
Aggressive			3.00

Restraints	Soft Restraints	2.00
	Other (specify)	2.00
Harm to self or others		3.00
Vision	Impaired	2.00
	Functional	0.00
Hearing	Impaired	2.00
	Functional	0.00
Communication	Impaired	2.00
	Functional	0.00

## SNAST

Measure	Range	Points
Number of persons in household over the age of 18. ** Exclude patient **	4 or more	0.00
	3	0.50
	2	1.00
	1	1.50
Number of persons in household under the age of 18 * Exclude patient *-**If other child(ren) under the age of 18 require assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), do not allot points for this section. See below. **	Greater than 4	4.00
	3-4	3.00
	2	2.00
	1	1.00
Number of persons in household under the age of 21 requiring assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) outside the normal developmental parameters (i.e., a 5 year-old would typically need some assistance, therefore this is considered "normal development") ** Exclude patient **	Greater than 4	6.00
	4	5.00
	3	4.00
	2	3.00
	1	2.00
Does caregiver(s) work outside the home?	Yes	1.00
	No	0.00
Hours per day worked	4	1.00
	6	2.00
	8	3.00
	10	4.00
	12	5.00
Does the caregiver(s) attend school outside the home?	Yes	1.00
	No	0.00
Hours per day caregiver(s) at school	Less than 4	1.00
	4	1.50
	6	2.00
Days per week caregiver(s) at school/work	Less than 5	1.00
	5 or more	2.00
Travel time required to work or school	Less than 1 hour	1.00
	Greater than 1 hour	2.00
Documented back-up plan on file with agency.	Yes	0.00
	No	1.00
Are back-up caregiver(s) trained on all cares?	Yes	0.00
	No	1.00
Are back-up caregiver(s) capable of providing all cares	Yes	0.00
	No	2.00

Expected time frame for training of back-up caregiver(s)	Greater than 12 hours	5.00
	10 – 12 hours	4.00
	8 – 9 hours	3.00
	6 – 7 hours	2.00
	4 – 5 hours	1.00
	Less than 4 hours	0.50
Does patient attend school?	Yes	1.00
	No	2.00
Hours per day at school:	Less than 4	1.00
	4	1.00
	6	0.50
	8	0.50
Days per week at school:	Less than 5	1.00
	5	0.50

0-4 points = 0 hours  
5-9 points – intermittent services  
10-29 points = up to 4 hours  
30-54 points = up to 5 hours  
55-69 points = up to 7 hours  
70 points or more are subject to individual consideration

**References Used:**

Virginia Medicaid Waiver Tool

Development of utilization management criteria may also involve research into other state Medicaid programs, other payer policies, consultation with experts and review by the Medicaid Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC). These sources may not be referenced individually unless they are specifically published and are otherwise applicable to the criteria at issue.

**Change History:**

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4/17/15	CAC	Changed points for subject to individual consideration from “100 points or more” to “70 points or more”. Added last paragraph in References Used.	1

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