

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

A service for children with medically complex needs, who would otherwise reside in a hospital or nursing facility.

In Texas, about **5,100 children** with multiple disabilities, or who are medically fragile, **require care by nurses** that have special skills, knowledge and training in order to remain at home with their families and **out of institutions**.



Licensed Home and Community Supports Services Agencies provide this care through the **private duty nursing (PDN)**. These children are enrolled in the **STAR Kids Managed Care program**.

PDN keeps families together.

PDN is an important source of support to parents & caregivers.

1/3 of mothers of a child **assisted by technology** reported quitting a job to care for the child at home.

Many of these children require the use of **mechanical assistance**, such as a ventilator or gastrostomy tube.



MEDICAID COST AVOIDANCE & IMPROVED OUTCOMES

COST CONTAINMENT

0.4-0.7% 

Of all U.S. children have medical complexity.

They account for

15-33% 

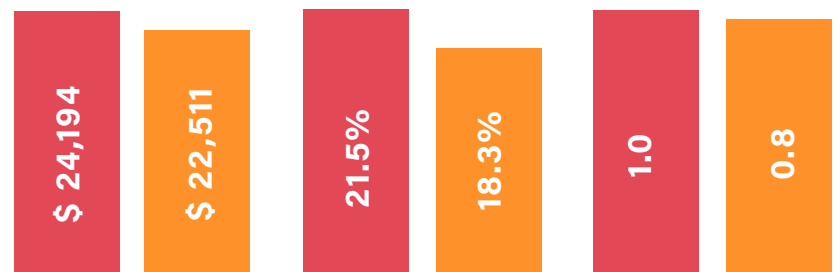
(\$50 - 110 billion)

of health care spending for **all children**, annually.

Private duty nursing is a **cost containment solution**.

IMPROVED OUTCOMES

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HOSPITAL COSTS

30 DAY READMISSION

AVG. ADMISSIONS

■ NO HOME HEALTH

■ HOME HEALTH

PDN LEADS TO

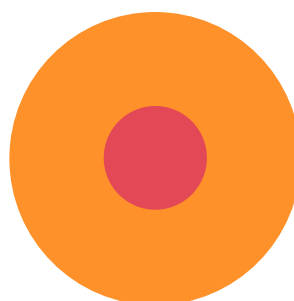
↓ total hospital admissions

↓ hospital costs

↓ readmissions

COST DIFFERENCE

Allowing premature children that have complex medical conditions to **return home sooner** from the hospital following birth, resulted in **reduced stays** from **neonatal or pediatric intensive care units (NICU)**. PDN may also be a cost effective **alternative** to pediatric nursing facility care.



1 DAY PDN VS NICU

Comparison assumes 24 hours of PDN care at RN rate (avg is closer to 10 hours)

■ NICU - \$3000
 ■ PDN - \$1062