

# FAMILY CAREGIVER HOME HEALTH AIDE FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN

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VOTE YES ON HB 391 & SB 452

How does this program benefit patients, families, and providers?

## HOME HEALTH AIDE FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN PROGRAM:

Allows parents or family members to become trained Home Health Aides for Medically Fragile Children. They are employed by a Home Health Agency and are paid to provide nurse delegated tasks for their medically fragile child. This program is a supplement to Private Duty Nursing (PDN) and is 100% parent choice.



## BENEFITS

- Helps alleviate the critical nursing shortage by adding trained family members to perform tasks delegated to them by nurses and overseen by physicians
- Ensures continuity of care and consistency, reducing negative events and lowering hospital admission rates (other states seeing >90% reduction)
- Increases stability for the medically fragile child; their care plan is executed every single day
- Supports families - Trained family caregivers have a job; they are employed by the Home Health Agency, they are skilled professionals caring for their child, and are less reliant on public assistance
- Reduces administrative burden for providers; scheduling and conflict burdens reduced
- States that adopt the Home Health Aide for Medically Fragile Children Program see savings of ~30-50% on every hour of PDN billed



## OTHER STATES OPERATE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS EMPLOYING FAMILY MEMBERS AS TRAINED HOME HEALTH AIDES FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN

Colorado and Arizona:

- CO Home Health Program: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/home-health-program>
- AZ Medicaid AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System): <https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/OtherProviderProgramsAndInitiatives/LHA.html>
- DDD (Division of Developmental Disabilities)-Medicaid Wavier: <https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities/current-member-resources/licensed-health-aide>
- AZ Board of Nursing: <https://www.azbn.gov/licensed-health-aide>



\*Please note each state may administer the PDN benefit differently. What works in one state may not work in another state due to how their benefit is setup\*