



### Skilled Nursing Levels of Care Matrix

Level of Care	Rehabilitation (Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy)	Intravenous (IV)/Feeding	Respiratory Therapy	Wound Care	Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
Level I	One half (1/2) to one (1) hour of treatment six (6) days per week	Intermittent IV (Heparin Lock) to keep open when used for medication administration as part of active treatment for a skilled services	Metered dose inhalers, or other respiratory therapy used to treat an acute condition - up to four (4) times per day	Stage II decubitus	
Level II	Any Level I member who requires care in three Level I categories at the same time				
	One (1) to two (2) hours of treatment six (6) days per week	Peripheral IV for hydration and/or medication administration	Metered dose inhalers, or other respiratory therapy used to treat an acute condition - greater than four (4) times per day	Stage III decubitus OR other condition requiring complex wound care*	Specialized bed as part of an active treatment plan for skilled services
Level III	Any Level II member who requires care in three Level II categories at the same time				
	Two (2) to three (3) hours of treatment six (6) days per week	Central line for hydration/total parenteral nutrition and/or medication administration		Stage IV decubitus or other condition requiring extensive# wound care	Wound Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC) as part of an active treatment plan for skilled services
Level IV	Any Level III member who requires care in more than two Level III categories at the same time				
* Complex Wound Care: Requires packing, complex treatment or involves a large (200 to 400 cm <sup>2</sup> ) area.					
# Extensive Wound Care: Requires more than one staff member due to position of dressing, patient behavior or a very large (cumulative area greater than 400 cm <sup>2</sup> ) or multiple wound areas involved.					