

Home Care

Home Health Payment Guidelines

Medicare Guidelines for Home Health Care

1. Must be ordered by a physician
2. There must be a **skilled** service (requires the training and licensure of a professional to perform the skill)
3. **Patient must be homebound** (a taxing or considerable effort is required to leave the home and the person does so infrequently)
4. Care is intermittent and the agency has the resources needed to provide care safely and at the level determined by a professional assessment

Medicare does NOT pay for homemaker services unless they are minimal and necessary with home health aide services. (i.e. cleaning tub after assisting with bath)

Medicaid Guidelines for Home Health Care

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Private Insurance Guidelines for Home Health Care

Many private insurance companies will cover home care expenses, but each must be contacted to determine eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Often they have the same rules as Medicare.

Private Pay Guidelines for Home Health Care

Services are available to all residents of Washington County based on a sliding fee scale. A short financial form is required to determine if fees are applicable. Individuals may prefer to not disclose their finances and pay full fee for services.

Skilled Nursing Services

- Clinical assessment & evaluation
- Wound, ostomy & catheter care
- IV home therapy & injection therapy
- Diabetic management
- Patient & caregiver education
- Supervision of home care aide
- 24 hour on-call
- Coordination of services, products, equipment & therapies

Home Health Aide Services

- bathing assistance
- shampoo & skin care
- assisting with range of motion exercises
- assisting with ambulation & transferring

Homemaker Services

- light housekeeping
- laundry
- errands
- shopping & meal preparation

Questions? We'd love to help you!

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