



Guidelines to Qualify for Home Health Services

BHI at Home powered by Care Plus Homehealth Care proudly serves our residents with quality home care services. Care Plus is dedicated to providing the full continuum of care allowing you to remain independent and recover in the **comfort and privacy of your home**. We offer comprehensive services provided by licensed nurses, licensed therapists, CNAs, and licensed home health aides under the direction of a physician's order.

Home Health Services are provided in home for Assisted Living, Memory Care Assisted Living, Independent Living and Home in the Community.

Eligibility Criteria for Home Health

To qualify, Home Health Services must be ordered by a healthcare provider, based on medical necessity. The patient must also be homebound and have a need for skilled care.

Certifying Healthcare Provider Responsibility

A healthcare provider certifies there is a need for home health services. Documentation supports that the individual is homebound and need for skilled services during in-person visit. An in-person visit must occur 90 days prior to start of home health services or 30 days after. The healthcare provider agrees to follow the patient and the plan of care throughout the home care episode.

Homebound Status An individual is considered homebound if any of the following apply:

- Difficult for the patient to leave their home
- Requires assistance to leave home safely
- Unable to leave home due to illness or injury
- Experiences a considerable and taxing effort to leave and is absent from the home infrequently for a short duration
- Has a functional or mental deficit impacting patients' ability to leave home
- Requires the assistance of other persons or special transportation to leave home
- Requires the use of a device (crutches/cane/wheelchair/walker/etc.) to leave home

**Homebound status doesn't mean that the patient never leaves their home but rather that leaving the home requires a taxing effort.*

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Need for Skilled Nursing Services

The patient must have a medical condition or need that requires skilled nursing care or therapy services. These services must be reasonable and necessary to treat the patient's illness or injury. A need may occur due to one or more of the following:

- Recent Hospitalization
- New or Exacerbated Diagnosis
- New or Recently Changed Medication
- Change in Primary Caregiver with a Knowledge Deficiency



Home Health Skilled Nursing Services:

- After-Surgery Care
- New Medication Education & Management
- Wound Care & Dressing Changes
- Catheter Care
- IV Therapy
- Tube Feedings (New and Equipment Maintenance)
- Disease Education & Management (New or Exacerbation)
- Ostomy Care (New or Unable to Perform)
- Pain Management (New or Uncontrolled)



Home Health Skilled Therapy Services:

- Change in Ambulation & Transfer Ability
- New Assistive Device & Training
- Issues with Bed Mobility & Bed Positioning
- Increase in Number of Falls
- Increased Need for Assistance
- Change in Strength, Endurance, and Coordination
- Increased need with ADL's, e.g. Bathing, Grooming, Dressing
- Home Safety Evaluation with Suggested Home Modifications
- Cognitive Changes
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Change in Communication Ability

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