

Home Health Services



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What are Home Health Services?

Home health services help beneficiaries recover from injury or illness and maintain their independence by receiving personalized one-on-one care in their homes. Receiving care in the home allows beneficiaries to receive focused attention and assistance from their caregiver.

What types of services can beneficiaries receive?

Home Health Services are administered by a home health agency and include part-time or intermittent care for a few hours a day, one or more times a week. Home health includes the following:

- Skilled nursing:** Care provided by a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN), including home IV therapy.
- Home health aide services:** Care provided by home health aides to help beneficiaries perform activities of daily living (e.g., bathing, dressing, food preparation, laundry, etc.).
- Physical therapy:** Therapy provided by a qualified physical therapist to help beneficiaries make functional gains or prevent a worsening of their condition.
- Other:** Certain injections, disposable medical supplies, diapers, and underpads.

What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible for these services, applicants must:

- Be Medicaid eligible.
- Be identified by their doctor as in need of home health services.
- Have had a comprehensive physical examination and a medical history or history update by their doctor within the 12 months preceding the:
 - Start date of a new plan of care OR
 - First date of service in an extended benefit period OR
 - Date of a service in a revised or renewed plan of care



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