

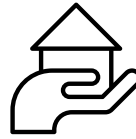
WHAT IS HOME CARE?



Home
health



Hospice



Personal
Support
Services



Private Duty
Nursing

Home Care for COVID-19 Patients

Although only 1 in 10 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 are discharged home with home health services,¹ most COVID-19 patients receiving home care services following discharge achieve statistically significant improvements in symptoms and function and 94% of these patients were discharged from home health within about a month.²

Patients experiencing COVID-related pain, shortness of breath, urinary incontinence, cognitive impairment, confusion, anxiety, and issues related to functional dependencies may be good candidates for home care services.

Patients requiring skilled nursing services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, telemonitoring, and assistance bathing, ambulating, and other activities of daily living may be properly cared for in the home following hospital discharge.

HOME HEALTH

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Acutely ill with new or exacerbation of diagnosis:

- Infusion,
- Wound care,
- Diabetes (with or without complications),
- Skilled teaching: medication, disease process, procedure
- Post-Operative Care
- Skilled Restorative Therapy

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

Medicare covers intermittent skilled nursing or therapy services ordered by the physician's plan of care (POC). Patient must be determined to be homebound.

TennCare and most commercial payers will require an order from the patient's treating provider for intermittent skilled nursing or skilled therapy.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Persons who require eight (8) or more hours of continuous skilled nursing care during a 24-hour period. Skilled nursing care provided by an RN or LPN under the direction of the person's physician. For adults 21+, private duty nursing is only available when medically necessary to support the use of ventilator equipment or other life-sustaining technology.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

Must meet 2 of the following criteria:

- Must be ventilator-dependent,
- Must have had a tracheostomy; and/or
- Must require PEG tube feeding.

PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICE AGENCIES (PSSA)

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Persons that, due to a chronic condition, have have substantial limitations in two or more major life activities. Services may be provided in the regular or temporary residence.

PSSAs may also serve individuals who simply desire additional assistance in their homes through the private pay model.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

Licensed PSSAs may provide personal care services to CHOICES recipients. In order to qualify for CHOICES you must be a senior (65+) or adult (21+) who:

- Qualifies for nursing home care, but prefers to receive care at home;
- Does not qualify for nursing home care, but requires services in order to delay the need.

1 Lavery AM, Preston LE, Ko JY, et al. Characteristics of Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients Discharged and Experiencing Same-Hospital Readmission — United States, March–August 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2020;69:1695–1699. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6945e2>external icon

2 Bowles, Kathryn H; McDonald, Margaret, et al., Surviving COVID-19 After Hospital Discharge: Symptom, Functional, and Adverse Outcomes of Home Health Recipients, November 24, 2020. Annals of Internal Medicine: <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-5206>