



SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU Home Health Policy Manual

Title: Home Health Policy 402
Section: ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES
Subject: Service Criteria and Eligibility Requirements
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HOME HEALTH SERVICES

Home Health services are performed by licensed, qualified professionals and are reasonable and medically necessary for the treatment of a disability, illness or injury. These services include:

1. Skilled nursing services provided on a part-time or intermittent basis;
2. Physical, occupational and speech language therapies;
3. Home Health aide services; and
4. Medical supplies, equipment and appliances ordered by a physician as a necessary part of a plan of care being provided by the Home Health agency.

Coverage of Home Health services cannot be contingent upon the member needing nursing or therapy services. A member's place of residence, for home health services, does not include a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, except for Home Health services in an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities facility that are not required to be provided by the facility.

A member may receive home health services in any setting in which normal life activities take place; and

May not be limited to services furnished to beneficiaries who are home bound.

ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICE CRITERIA

To be eligible for Home Health services, a member must meet all the following service criteria:

1. Be Medicaid eligible;
2. Have a medical necessity for home health services to be delivered in his or her place of residence; and

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3. Under the care of a physician who has established a plan of care which the physician reviews no less than every 60 days.

Service criteria must be documented by the Home Health agency. Medicaid will not reimburse for services when this documentation is missing or incomplete.