

Senior & Long Term Care Division Community Services Bureau Home Health Policy Manual

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Section: SERVICE COORDINATION

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PREGNANT WOMEN

Pregnant women are not considered eligible solely based upon their pregnant state but must meet specific criteria that puts them in a high risk status.

When it poses eminent danger to the mother or unborn child to travel for medical care, Home Health agency services may be ordered by the attending physician. These women should also be referred to Targeted Case Management for High Risk Pregnant Women. For more information, contact your county Health Department.

If the condition passes or delivery is completed, the Home Health agency must terminate services. Follow up care is the responsibility of the attending physician.

Services provided to care for the mother's young children while she remains on bed rest is not a benefit of the Home Health program or the personal assistance program. Targeted Case Management can address these issues.

Services provided solely to educate the mother about breast feeding; child rearing, proper care and nutrition are not a benefit of the Home Health program. These services can be provided by local county health departments, the discharging hospital, and family physicians.

Services provided solely to follow-up on a normal vaginal or Cesarean section delivery are not a benefit of the Home Health program. These services are the responsibility of the attending physician.