

HOME HEALTH VS HOSPICE

HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT



Home Health is for a patient that needs intermittent skilled nursing care to help regain independence and get back to normal life. Hospice care is comfort care for patients with a prognosis of six months or less if their disease runs its natural course, as certified by a physician.

SERVICES	HOME HEALTH BENEFIT	HOSPICE BENEFIT
Physician	Not covered, but 80% of approved charges are covered under Part B	Hospice physician 100% covered
Skilled Nursing	Covered for skilled care, if part-time or intermittent, or daily for 21 days or less.	Covered for skilled and supportive care
Medications	Not included	Covered, related to diagnosis/prognosis
Durable Medical Equipment	80% of approved amount covered	100% covered
Medical Supplies	Medical supplies covered	Medical and personal supplies covered, related to diagnosis/prognosis
24-Hour On-Call Nurse	Included	Included
Medical Social Work	Covered for patient	Covered for patient and caregivers
Homemaker/Home Health Aide	Covered if part-time or intermittent, must provide "hands on personal care."	Covered
Volunteers	Not included	Included for patients and loved ones
Chaplain Services/Bereavement	Not covered	Covered
Services to Nursing Facility Residents	Not covered	Covered, not including Room & Board
General Inpatient Care	Not covered	Covered, during short periods of medical crisis that can't be managed with routine visits
Respite Care	Not covered	Covered for up to 5 consecutive days
Skilled Continuous Care	Not covered	Covered, during short periods of medical crisis that can't be managed with routine visits
Patient Must be Homebound	Yes	No

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