

Referral Guide for Homecare Services

Who are Possible Referral Sources? Referral sources include, but not limited to: Case Managers: Acute, Rehab and Long-Term Hospitals, SNF, ICF, insurance (private, MCO, TennCare) Physicians - Assisted Living Facility - Self Referral - Veterans Administration Other Health Care Providers ††	Personal Support Service (Non-Medical)	Home Health	Private Duty Nursing	Hospice
●=YES Who Needs Homecare?				
Acutely ill with new or exacerbation of diagnosis	●*	●	●	●
Infusion		●	●	●
Wound Care		●	●	●
Injections		●	●	●
Skilled Teaching (medication, disease process, procedures)		●	●	●
Post-Operative Care	●*	●	●	●
Terminally Ill (defined as someone with a prognosis of 6 months or less)	●*	●	●	●
Persons requiring non-medical supportive services to remain in home environment	●		●	
Persons who require continuous skilled nursing care during a 24-hr period			●	
What are the Eligibility Requirements?				
Homebound (Specific guidelines for homebound status at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/Downloads/bp102c07.pdf (pg. 21))		●		
Requires skilled intermittent care		●		
Physician's order		●	●	●
Physician Letter of Medical Necessity			●	
MD certification of terminal illness				●
Provider agency/company must be Licensed by State of Tennessee	●	●	●	●
What Homecare Services are Provided?				
Intermittent nursing services		●	●	●
Skilled therapy services (physical, occupational, speech-language pathology)		●	●	●
Personal Care Aide Services	●	●	●	●
Medical Social Services		●	●	●
Volunteers				●
Palliative and supportive care including intermittent home care; covers all needs including medications and equipment related to terminal illness				●
Medical supplies including wound care and ostomy supplies		●	●	●
Respite In-Home Services	●			●
Bereavement services				●
Homemaker services	●			●
Companion Services	●			
Medication Assistance† (See http://tennessee.gov/sos/rules/0940/0940-05/0940-05-38.20100218.pdf on medication assistance specifics)	●			
What are Possible Payer Sources?				
Multiple payer sources cover homecare services including Medicare (except private duty nursing and non-medical support services), TennCare, Private Pay, Long-Term Care Insurance, Veteran's Administration, Worker's Compensation, and Private Health Insurance (except non-medical personal support services).				
*Non-medical services only. Includes medication assistance. No physician order needed.				
†† Referrals from agency to agency or discipline to discipline (i.e. home health to PSSA; nursing to physical therapy)				

