



## HOME CARE: WHO NEEDS IT?

Which of your patients might benefit from home care? The following symptoms/needs and diseases are recognized by Medicare as acceptable reasons for ordering home care. Physicians can specify which services are needed for a patient including skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and medical social work.

### SYMPTOMS/NEEDS:

- ADL Deficits
- Aphasia
- Aspiration
- Balance Problems
- Burns
- Cardiac Assessment
- Chronic Disease
- Colostomy Care
- Confusion
- Constipation
- Convulsions
- Depression
- Dizziness
- Fatigue (Severe)
- Home Safety Eval.
- Hypoxia
- IV's
- Ileostomy Care
- Incontinence
- Injections/IM-SQ
- Injury Potential
- Jaundice
- Lab Specimens
- Medical Eval
- Multi-Meds
- Med Changes
- Mobility Limits
- Nutrition Assess/Care
- O2 Sats
- Pain (Chronic)
- Paralysis
- Post-Op Assessment
- Seizures
- Sepsis
- Skin Breakdown
- SOB
- Swallow Difficulty
- Teaching
- Tube Feedings
- Vomiting
- Weakness (Generalized)
- Wound Care

### DIAGNOSIS:

- AIDS
- ALS
- Alzheimer's
- ASHD
- Amputation
- Arthritis
- Bowel Obstruction
- Burns
- CAD, CHF, COPD
- Cancer
- Cellulitis
- Chronic Pain
- Colitis
- DVT
- Dehydration
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Fractures
- GI bleed
- Gastric Ulcers
- Gastroenteritis
- HTN
- Head Injury
- IDDM
- Joint Replacement
- Lupus
- MD, MS
- MI Acute
- Multiple Trauma
- Neuropathy
- OBS
- Organ Transplant
- Osteomyelitis
- Osteoporosis
- Parkinson's
- PE
- Pneumonia
- Polio
- Skin Grafts
- Stasis Ulcers
- Stroke
- TBI
- TIA
- UTI
- Wounds

### TO RECEIVE HOME CARE, THE PATIENT MUST:

- Be homebound. This requirement is met if the patient leaves home infrequently and it is a difficult and taxing effort for them to do so. The patient may leave their home for medical appointments.
- Require a skilled level of care.
- Be under the care of a physician who orders the care provided.

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