



Home Health Care

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A. Documentation Required:

To facilitate the authorization process referral requests must include the following:

1. Physician orders for Home Health Care services;
2. Documentation of patient's prior level of functioning and treatment plan to demonstrate progress in skilled care goals;
3. Documentation to support why the patient needs part time or intermittent skilled nursing, physical therapy (PT) or occupational therapy (OT) services.

B. Criteria for Medical Necessity:

Unity considers Home Health Care medically necessary when **ALL** the following criteria are met:

1. The patient is homebound because of illness or injury; **AND**
2. Services provided are intermittent, not full time; **AND**
3. The nursing services provided are not primarily for the comfort or convenience of the patient or custodial in nature; **AND**
4. The services are ordered by a physician and are directly related to an active treatment plan of care established by the physician; **AND**
5. The services provided are appropriate for the home setting; **AND**
6. The skilled nursing care is appropriate for the active treatment of a condition, illness, disease, or injury to avoid placing the patient at risk for serious medical complications; **AND**
7. The treatment provided is appropriate for the patient's condition including the amount of time spent providing the service as well as the frequency and duration of the services; **AND**
8. The patient is able to demonstrate participation and significant progression with the active treatment plan of care; **AND**
9. Home health care services are being provided by a certified/licensed home health agency.

REFERENCES:

CMS Pub 100-02 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual; Chapter 7 Home Health Services.

US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy; Clarifying the Definition of Homebound and Medical Necessity Using OASIS Data, Final Report; March 2001.

WI Statutes 50.49-chapter 150 Regulation of Health Services.

WI Department of Health Services Administration Code: Chapter DHS 133; Home Health Agencies.