



## Home Health FAQs

### **Q. What are some of the common diagnoses treated through Home Health?**

**A.** Management of Chronic Illness such as:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Alzheimer's Disease/dementia
- Neurological disorders such as Parkinson's Disease/MS/ALS

Chronic pain management

Lymphedema treatment and Kinesio® taping therapy

IV therapy

Wound care

### **Q. Does Medicare pay for Home Health?**

**A.** Medicare part A will pay 100 percent of the charges for your skilled home health services for short-term treatment if:

- your doctor writes an order for home health care,
- you need help from a nurse or physical, occupational or speech therapist,
- leaving your home is very difficult and requires assistance (homebound status).

### **Q. What about medication and/or medical equipment?**

**A.** Medicare will not pay for these items at 100 percent for home health services; they will be billed under part B or D as they would at any other time. Private insurance coverage may vary.

### **Q. Does “Homebound” mean I can never leave my home while I’m on Home Health?**

**A.** Being Homebound does NOT mean you can never leave your home, it means it is infrequent and usually requires assistance. You can still attend church, go to your doctor or other regular appointments or attend a family event while you are on Home Health.

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