

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT HOME HEALTH

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Reality

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- Home health cannot be ordered if no hospitalization has occurred

- Yes it can be. One of the key goals of home health is to reduce (re)hospitalization.

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- Home health is only covered by Medicare

- All Medicare Advantage plans and most private insurances also cover this benefit. Typically at zero cost to patients.

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- Home health only provides skilled nursing

- Home health provides nursing, therapy, and aides on an intermittent basis. AA also takes care of DMEs, Labs, x-ray / ultrasounds, and Psych services at home

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- Home health services can only be ordered for a short duration

- Medicare does not put a limit on duration of home health services as long as patient meets qualifying conditions

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- Home Health is the same as Home Care

- Home Health is a skilled service (SN/PT/OT/ST/ Psych/MSW) and is covered by MCR / Insurance. Home care is Private duty sitter svc and is pvt pay