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Home Care vs Home Health Comparison

Home Care	Home Health
Services are focused on activities of daily living i.e. personal care, feeding, hygiene, dressing, meal prep, light housekeeping, transportation, medication management	Services require the person to be home bound and have a skilled need – RN care, physical, occupational, speech therapy, infusion or enteral feedings
No Physician order is needed	Physician order is required
Services paid for privately, via long term care insurance or VA benefits	Services covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most third party commercial insurance
Care is provided from 4 – 24 hours a day, 7 days per week depending on need	No hourly care provided – patients are seen for 1 hour visits 1 – 5 times per week depending on need
Caregivers are typically CNA's (Certified Nursing Assistants) but may actually be LPN's or RN's depending on the need	Caregivers are RN's, LPN's, PT, OT, ST and Social Workers. Home Health Aides can only be used for brief visits under supervision of RN or PT
Services can be provided for as long as the client or family deems necessary. An evaluation is required every 90 days	Services are certified for 60 days. Patient must be reassessed at 60 days and approved for continuance of care.

Home Care and Home Health can be utilized in the home at the same time. Because they focus on different tasks they will complement what is being done for the patient. It is required for Home Health providers to follow the Physician plan of care. Home Care providers will work directly with the patient and family to provide appropriate services as needed.

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