

Are you eligible for Medicare covered service?

The following items are required for Medicare to pay for your home health care services:

- The definition of homebound is that it ordinarily takes you a "considerable and taxing effort to leave the home without assistance" and that the absences are infrequent or relatively short.
- "Taxing effort " can mean that you need to have another person with you in order to leave home, or that you need to use a device to walk - such as a walker, cane, crutches - or a wheelchair, or that you can walk unattended, but become short of breath and need frequent rest stops while walking.
- Homebound does not mean bedbound. You are permitted to leave home to go to church, medical appointments, for a ride in the car, out for a meal or for personal care services.
- You have had a recent illness or injury (worsening of condition) which requires Skilled Nursing Care, Physical and/or Speech on an intermittent basis, or have a continuing need for Occupational Therapy.
- You are an eligible Medicare beneficiary and under the care of a doctor who has ordered the treatment or services we are providing.
- Care is provided on an intermittent basis. This means Medicare will not cover our health care staff to stay with you for an extended period of time. However, our care staff is available on a Private Duty basis.
- If all of these requirements are met, Medicare will also pay for medically necessary Medical Social Services, Home Health Aides, and medical supplies.