

Home Care Options

Home Health: Care provided in your home by a nurse, therapist or social worker as ordered by your physician

Hospice: Care provided by a team of health care and other professionals at the end of life, including nursing, social work, and ministerial care as well as medications to relieve pain.

Personal Care: Assistance with personal activities of daily living such as grooming, bathing, toileting

Homemaker: Assistance with household activities such as cooking, cleaning, meal prep.

Respite Care: Provides a worker who comes to your home to give your day-to-day caregiver (like your spouse) a short break from care giving responsibilities.

Adult Day Services: A wide range of medical and social services are available at a center where you may spend part or all of the day.

Types of Home Care Companies and the Services they Provide

Home Health: Funded by Medicare, Medicaid, VA and many private insurance policies

Patient Criteria:

Require a physician to order and supervise care

Homebound

Skilled need (nurse, therapist)

Intermittent basis (4 hours or less intermittently)

Home Health Compare: <http://www.medicare.gov/HomeHealthCompare/search.aspx>

Hospice: Funded by Medicare, Medicaid, VA and many private insurance policies.

Patient Criteria:

Life expectancy of 6 months or less (certified by a physician)

No longer receiving curative care – only palliative (pain and emotional)

Private Duty Home Care: Paid for privately** or through some private insurance & VA.

Services provided in your home including, but not limited to:

Nursing

Personal care

Homemaker

Respite & Companion

Transportation

Other services as requested by the patient

In-Home/Consumer Directed Care: Funded by Medicaid only

Limited nursing

Personal Care

Homemaker

Respite

Some other services

Adult Day Services Centers: Funded by Medicaid, VA, Private funds and some insurance

Provides a variety of medical and social services such as therapy, nursing, social activities, transportation, meals, entertainment, etc.

** Private funded services range in price by provider. Average range \$15 - \$35 per hour. Check local provider for exact price range.