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Serving northern, eastern and central Maine

Did You **Know**?

A home health agency must be approved by the Medicare Program, and be Medicare certified in order for patients to qualify for payment of services through their Medicare benefits.

Although patients have a say in which agency they use, it is important that they understand the chosen agency must be a Medicare certified home health agency in order for them to receive Medicare benefits.

Additionally, their choices may be limited by their insurance coverage. Medicare Advantage Plans or other Medicare Health Plans may require that patients get home health services from agencies with which those plans are contracted.

Who is eligible for Medicare certified home health services?

Medicare pays for care in a patient's home only if all four of the following conditions are met:

1. The patient must need intermittent skilled nursing care, PT, ST or continuing OT.
2. The patient must be homebound.
3. The patient is under the care of a doctor who determines the need for home health care and subsequently sets up and periodically reviews a home health plan of care.
4. The home health agency is Medicare certified.

What services are covered?

If the conditions for eligibility are met, Medicare will pay for the following services in the patient's home when they are medically reasonable and necessary.

1. Intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services.
2. PT/ST/OT
3. Medical social services.
4. Medical supplies.
5. Durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen and walkers.

Eastern Maine HomeCare will work with you to qualify your patients and provide in-home services. We also accept several types of private insurance, for which requirements are different than for Medicare. For more information or to make a patient referral, please call Eastern Maine HomeCare toll-free at **1.866.591.8843**.

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