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Some specific chronic diseases eligible for Medicare home health education:

- CHF
- COPD
- Diabetes

Anyone taking more than 5 medications (The 5 meds are a red flag associated with home health: side effects, interactions, etc.)

### 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.

**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. Call us today at **866.591.8843** to learn more.