

Private Duty Home Care

When is it the right choice?

Everyone's Needs Are Unique...

And what might be the best choice for one person isn't always what's best for everyone else. So why is there a need for several different types of home healthcare? Take a look at the three basic home healthcare categories to see which category best suits your patient's needs:

	Medicare Home Health	Medicaid Home Services	Private Duty Home Care
Sometimes also referred to as...	Home Health, Home Nursing	ADvantage Waiver Program, Community-Based Services	Non-Medical Home Care, Personal Care, Sitter Service
Age Requirements	65+ (unless disabled)	No requirement	No requirement
Homebound Status Requirements	Must be homebound (leaving home is a taxing effort)	No requirement	No requirement
Authorization for Services	Doctor's order required; must see patient face-to-face	Social Worker / Case Worker authorization required	No requirement
Medical Requirements	Skilled Nursing or Therapy	Disability or medical need	No requirement
Weekly Service Limit	Usually 3-5 visits per week; most visits < 1 hr	Usually 25-40 hours of care per week; based on assessed needs	Client determines service hours; can be 1-24 hours per day, any days requested
Income Limit	No requirement, but must have paid into Medicare benefit	Must meet low-income criteria determined by state	No requirement
Length of service coverage	60-day service period; can be renewed as medically needed	Based on needs; requires reevaluation every 6 months	No requirement; client decides when to start or stop care
Payor source	Medicare - National funding from taxpayer revenue	Medicaid - State funding from taxpayer revenue	Multiple sources: self-pay, insurance, trust funds, retirement accounts, family, etc.
Services NOT provided	Does not provide daily home-making services, hourly shifts, overnight care, transportation, or personal errands.	May not provide medical care (depends on provider); no 24/7 services provided or overnight care.	No exclusions (if you choose a full-service provider like CareTeam!)

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