

What is Skilled Home Health Care?

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Skilled care for acute conditions, chronic conditions or recovery from a surgical procedure or an injury

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Focus is to rehabilitate or help patients to recover functional status

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Patients are seen for 9 week episodes with recertification of 9 weeks depending on patient's medical status and doctor's orders

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Patient must be homebound, requires a doctor's face to face visit, and a doctor's order

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Skilled care is only available in patient's home and in group homes such as RCFEs, not in SNFs

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Skilled services are covered but not medications, DME or non-skilled services such as caregivers

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Skilled care focused on patient, family, caregiver education

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Home health team includes RN, LVN, CHHA, Medical Social Worker, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and Speech Therapist

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Skilled Home health care is intermittent care with the exception of shift care services

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Medicare Part A or Part B and most private insurances cover skilled home health care