HOME CARE & HOSPICE COMPARISON OF SERVICES

**Home Health Care**
**Focus:** A variety of illnesses  
**Goal:** Self-management and independence for patients and families  
**Current Health Status:** Fair to Good

- All age groups, including children  
- Must be homebound for Medicare reimbursement  
- Collaborative team approach to care  
- May be receiving IV therapy, dialysis, transfusions, tube feedings, chemotherapy or radiation  
- Hospitalization covered by Medicare or insurance  
- Telemonitoring  
- Social services when needed

**Palliative Care**
**Focus:** Advanced illness  
**Goal:** Self-management and advanced care planning, regardless of whether they choose to receive curative or comfort care  
**Current Health Status:** Poor or guarded

- All age groups, including children  
- Must be homebound for Medicare reimbursement  
- Collaborative team approach to care  
- May be receiving IV therapy, dialysis, transfusions, tube feedings, chemotherapy or radiation  
- Hospitalization covered by Medicare or insurance  
- Telemonitoring  
- Social services  
- Spiritual Care services  
- Grief Support services
Hospice
Focus: Terminal illness
Goal: Comfort and improvement of quality of life through a peaceful death
Current Health Status: Poor or guarded with life expectancy of six months or less

- All age groups, including children
- Not required to be homebound for Medicare reimbursement
- Collaborative team approach to care
- Evaluated on an individual basis but generally not receiving IV therapy, dialysis, transfusions, chemotherapy or radiation
- Hospitalization covered by hospice if admission is prior authorized and related to terminal illness
- Telemonitoring
- Social services
- Medications and equipment covered by hospice if related to terminal diagnosis
- Spiritual Care services
- Volunteers
- Grief Support services
- Complementary therapy
- Short term respite available

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