

Bay Nursing, Inc.

Skilled Needs Acceptable to Medicare for Home Healthcare

Bay Nursing Home Care is pleased to be able to provide our patients and care givers with information and advice about the field of home health care and how it pertains to their needs.

Skilled services must *be reasonable and necessary* for the treatment of the patient's illness or injury. Services provided must be specific and effective for the patient conditions and *there must be potential for improvement in a reasonable and generally predictable period of time.*

Here are the types of conditions that we can help you with, in the comfort of your home:

- Suspected safety/environmental issues in patient's home
- Caregiver in home unable to manage care due to cognitive knowledge or physical deficits
- New activity restrictions
- Newly confined to bed
- Difficulty with transferring or ambulating or associated safety issues
- Recently put on oxygen
- Injections & Intravenous procedures
- Nasopharyngeal & Tracheotomy Aspirations
- Catheters and associated complication
- Observation and assessment of changing patient health conditions
- Patient education (meds, diabetic, gait training, bed mobility, toileting programs, etc.)
- Ostomy services/care and associated complications
- Wound problems and care
- Medication teaching and management
- Rehabilitation needs using PT, OT, SLP, MSW, SN, and HCA's
- Blood pressure, heart rates outside desirable ranges

- Compliance issues requiring behavioral modifications
- Non-therapeutic lab values
- New/changes in caregivers
- New symptoms with unknown reason
- Respiratory changes or routine oxygen use
- Symptoms of drug toxicity/adverse reactions
- Onset of new elevated temperature in immune-compromise patients
- Uncontrolled pain
- Weight gain >5 lbs. in a week with diagnosis such as COPD, CHF, etc.
Increased lower extremity edema
- High levels of anxiety, paranoia, refusal to leave home with psych diagnosis
- Prophylactic & Palliative Skin care
- Routine incontinence care
- Cast and orthotic devices