

Bay Nursing, Inc.

Medicare Guidelines

Conditions restricting activities of daily living, qualifying for homebound status

Difficulty Ambulating

- Confined to chair or bed
- Due to no weight bearing
- Falls, due to unsteady gait, imbalance, weakness, dizziness, etc.
- Severe shortness of breath, angina
- Morbid obesity
- Lower extremity amputation(s), no prosthesis or lacks the ability to wheel self independently in wheelchair
- Requires cane/walker to ambulate within the home, unable to ambulate outside the home without assistance
- Due to surgical procedure of medical condition

Safety Issues

- Requires assistance of another ambulate, get out of bed or chair
- Requires assistance to go to doctor's visits
- Requires assistance to climb stairs necessary to leave home or return
- Requires assistance to use assistive devices; e.g., cane, walker, wheelchair, bedside commode, etc.
- Requires assistance with oxygen therapy; unable to handle portable equipment alone
- Requires assistance with continuous/intermittent IV therapy

Medical or Surgical Conditions

- Comatose
- Decrease mentation, requiring supervision
- Cerebral vascular accident with mental changes and hemiplegic
- Debilitating arthritis or other autoimmune disorders
- Open heart surgery
- Congestive heart failure/chronic obstructive lung disease
- Heart attack with complication
- Unstable or newly diagnosed diabetes
- Open wounds/ostomies
- Compromised immunity
- Orthopedic surgery (hip, knee, foot, ankle, etc.)
- Uncontrollable pain
- Surpa pubic catheter
- IV therapy, 1M. Subcutaneous injections
- Tracheotomy
- Incontinence bowel bladder
- Mental conditions; e.g., paranoia, sever anxiety, etc.
- Surgery requiring skilled care

There are many more conditions that can qualify you for home care; this is just a sampling. All home care requires the skilled services of a registered nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist, or medical social worker.