

THE ROAD TO MEDICARE-COVERED HOME HEALTH CARE



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What's Required to Qualify?

You must:

- · Be under the care of a physician
- **Be homebound** (Need help of another person or a device to leave home or SHOULDN'T leave alone.)
- Need reasonable & necessary skilled services

What's covered?

IF Skilled Services → THEN Additional Services:

- Intermittent Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Occupational Therapy (To continue services)
- Home Health Aide
 - Up to 35 hours/week
 - To provide personal care (Bathing, dressing, grooming, feeding)
- Medical Social Services
- Some Medical Supplies

WE'RE ON OUR WAY



RULES OF THE ROAD

Equal Access for All Who Qualify Medicare Coverage must be available for:

- Care to Improve, Maintain, or Slow Decline
- Care for long-term, chronic conditions as well as for short-term, acute conditions
- Care without a cap on how long services can continue
- Care that starts from home or after being an inpatient

FULL SPEED AHEAD

Push back if a home health agency says Medicare doesn't cover necessary care. It's the law! (Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 7, Section 20)