

# Home Health of Montana

## Internal Medicine/Family Practice Home Care

### Situation

**Wounds and skin ulcers**



### Refer to home care for:

Wound care, teach patient or family how to perform wound care

**New diagnosis, symptom change or exacerbation**



Physical assessment (pulse oximetry with MD order) patient teaching, prevention of complications

**Treatment plan changes patient cannot come back to office easily**



Assessment of response to treatment; plan, teach patient, & monitor compliance

**Medications - new, changed or compliance problems**



Assess medication and OTC use, monitor compliance, develop schedules, monitor & report effects and side effects to MD

**Recent falls at home**



Home safety assessment, physical therapy, home exercise program, home modifications, occupational therapy

**Frail Patient - Family says "We don't know what to do for Mom/Dad anymore."**



Nurse assesses functional status, home environment, mental status, patient ability to self-report, assists to find appropriate support services

**Special diet, weight loss, nutrition or bowel problems**



Nutritional status assessment, diet teaching, assess food supply and preparation

**A condition that requires home medical procedures, such as catheterization or injections**



Nurse performs procedures, teaches teaches patient/family to perform

### Medicare will pay for Home Care if:

- 1. The patient is homebound** (can only leave home occasionally, and leaving home takes "considerable and taxing effort")
- 2. A physician authorizes the plan of care**
- 3. A skilled service is needed** (nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy)

**Note:** Aide services covered only if a skilled service is provided concurrently

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