
CHAPTER 23: HOME HEALTH

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A Home Health Agency (HHA) enrolled in Louisiana Medicaid provides patient care services in the recipient's home under the order of a physician that are necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of the recipient's illness or injury. Such services include part-time skilled nursing services, extending nursing, aide, physical therapy (PT), speech therapy (ST), occupational therapy (OT) and medical supplies recommended by the physician as required in the care of the recipient and suitable for use in the home.

Home health services are reimbursable by Medicaid only if the service is provided in the recipient's home or place of residence. The recipient's place of residence cannot be a hospital or nursing home. The attending physician must certify that the recipient meets the medical criteria to receive the service in the home and is in need of the Home Health service on an intermittent basis. This certification and physician's plan of care must be maintained in the recipient's record and on file at the Home Health Agency (HHA). The physician must review the plan of care (POC) every 60 days.

(Refer to the Minimum Standards for Licensing Home Health Agencies (LAC 48:1, Chapter 91) for details regarding HHA requirements).