Indicators for home health

Your patients are different – so are their medical conditions, treatments, and needs.

Home health professionals are specially trained to deliver high-quality care to patients that helps them recover and regain strength, health, and independence.

Our professional nurses, therapists, and social workers treat a wide range of medical conditions, allowing patients to rest and recover in the comfort of home.

If you are treating patients who might benefit from healthcare in the privacy of their home – for whom one-on-one instruction will help better manage their condition, symptoms, and recovery – consider referring them to home health.

Home health may be indicated if a patient:

- Has a new diagnosis or an exacerbation of an existing diagnosis
- Has a new medication
- Requires teaching on a disease process or medication
- Is at risk for or experiencing complications requiring labs
- Requires other skilled nursing services (wound care, teaching, observation, and assessment)
- Requires frequent follow-up from a physician’s office
- Has frequent re-hospitalizations
- Contacts a physician’s office frequently
- Exhibits behaviors that indicate he or she is at risk for falls
- Needs physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, or medical social services, due to:
  - Mobility problems
  - Bowel or bladder incontinence
  - Vision problems
  - ADL needs
  - New DME training

If the answer is “yes” to any of the above indicators, the patient may be a candidate for a home health evaluation.

Contact your local provider today for more information.