

Care Options Alternative Care Solutions

Diagnoses

Back pain
Cellulitis or other infectious or
inflammatory processes
COPD
Deep vein thrombosis

Dehydration/gastroenteritis
Diabetes
Electrolyte imbalances
Fracture, nondisplaced
Hyperemesis

Pyelonephritis
Renal colic/stones
Uncomplicated pneumonia,
bronchitis, asthma
Urinary tract infection/urosepsis

Potential Alternative Care Solutions

Home Care

Home care is indicated for an individual who is safe at home, but who may require assessment and management of care.

Home care agencies can provide these services:

- Administration of subcutaneous anticoagulant drugs, and education about them
- Administration of parenteral nutrition, hydration, and antibiotic or steroid infusions
- Diabetes monitoring and education
- Collecting specimens for diagnostic testing
- Medication education and training
- Nursing visits for physical assessment and education
- Pain management
- Rehabilitation services (physical therapy, occupational therapy), inclusive of evaluation, treatment, and education
- Respiratory therapy, treatment, and training: e.g., pulse oximetry, rate measurements, oxygen therapy
- Wound assessment, care, and wound care training

Skilled Nursing Facility

Skilled nursing care is indicated for the individual who requires medically necessary skilled services that do not require hospitalization but which can be provided only in a skilled nursing setting.

Skilled nursing facilities can provide these services:

- Administration of subcutaneous anticoagulant drugs, and education about them
- Administration of medication 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Administration of parenteral nutrition, hydration, or antibiotic or steroid infusions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Bed-rest and immobilization
- Diabetes monitoring and education
- Diagnostic testing: e.g., performing lab work, radiology
- Management of comorbidity and complex care
- Management and care of complex wounds/ulcers resulting from surgery, injury, or pressure
- Nephrostomy or gastrostomy management and education
- Pain management
- Rehabilitation services (physical therapy, occupational therapy), inclusive of evaluation, treatment, and education
- Respiratory management including oxygen therapy

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