## Private Duty Home Care

*Is it the right choice for your patients?* 

## Everyone's Needs Are Unique...

And what might be the best choice for one person isn't always what's best for everyone else. So why is there a need for several different types of home healthcare? Take a look at the three basic home healthcare categories to see which category best suits your patient's needs:

	Medicare Home Health	<b>Medicaid Home Services</b>	Private Duty Home Care
Sometimes also referred to as	Home Health, Home Nursing	ADvantage Waiver Program, Community-Based Services	Non-Medical Home Care, Personal Care, Sitter Service
Age Requirements	65+ (unless disabled)	No requirement	No requirement
Homebound Status Requirements	Must be homebound (leaving home is a taxing effort)	No requirement	No requirement
Authorization for Services	Doctor's order required; must see patient face-to-face	Social Worker / Case Worker authorization required	No requirement
Medical Requirements	Skilled Nursing or Therapy	Disability or medical need	No requirement
Weekly Service Limit	Usually 3-5 visits per week; most visits < 1 hr	Usually 25-40 hours of care per week; based on assessed needs	Client determines service hours; can be 1-24 hours per day, any days requested
Income Limit	No requirement, but must have paid into Medicare benefit	Must meet low-income criteria determined by state	No requirement
Length of service coverage	60-day service period; can be renewed as medically needed	Based on needs; requires reevaluation every 6 months	No requirement; client decides when to start or stop care
Payor source	Medicare - National funding from taxpayer revenue	Medicaid - State funding from taxpayer revenue	Multiple sources: self-pay, insurance, trust funds, retirement accounts, family, etc.
Services NOT provided	Does not provide daily home- making services, hourly shifts, overnight care, transportation, or personal errands.	May not provide medical care (depends on provider); no 24/7 services provided or overnight care.	No exclusions (if you choose a full-service provider like CareTeam!)

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