



# Home Health Awareness

## Medicare Home Health Check List

1. Medicare certified?
2. Medicaid certified (if you have both Medicare and Medicaid)?
3. Offers the specific health care services I need, like skilled nursing services or physical therapy?
4. Meets my special needs, like language or cultural preferences?
5. Offers the personal care services I need, like help bathing, dressing, and using the bathroom?
6. Offers the support services I need, or can help me arrange for additional services, like a meal delivery service, that I may need? (NOTE: These types of services aren't generally covered by Medicare).
7. Has staff that can give the type and hours of care my doctor ordered and start when I need them?
8. Is recommended by my hospital discharge planner, doctor, or social worker?
9. Has staff available at night and on weekends for emergencies?
10. Explained what my insurance will cover and what I must pay out-of-pocket?
11. Has letters from satisfied patients, family members, and doctors that testify to the home health agency providing good care?
12. Does the agency conduct background checks on its employees?