

Admission Criteria:

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PURPOSE

To establish standards by which a patient can be evaluated and accepted for admission to Blue Mountain Home Health Care Inc.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

- The patient must be under the care of a licensed physician. The patient's physician must order and approve the provision of any service. A skilled service must be ordered.
- Blue Mountain Home Health Care Inc. will accept all patients who are appropriate for home care, and whose needs can be met through the resources of the agency, regardless of payment source.
- The patient must reside within Schuylkill County and surrounding Lehigh Valley, Berks and Carbon area that Blue Mountain Home Health care Inc. serves.
- The physical facilities and equipment in the patient's home must be adequate for safe and effective care.
- Services may be provided to patients insured by Medicare who have a primary need for skilled nursing, physical and/or speech therapy on an intermittent basis and are homebound.
- A patient is considered to be homebound if he/she has a condition which restricts his/her ability to leave his/her place of residence except with the aid of supportive devices, the use of special transportation, the assistance of another person, or if he/she has a condition which is such that leaving his/her home is medically contraindicated; see Medicare Condition of Participation Home Bound definition.
- Acceptance for home care services is realistically based on the patient's willingness, ability to function in a non-institutional environment, and availability of family/caregiver or significant individuals to participate in the care.
- Blue Mountain Home Health Care Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, handicap (mental or physical), communicable disease, or place of national origin.
- To determine if patient's supportive needs can be met safely at home, patient must meet at least one of the following:
 - i) Patient is self- directing or capable of making, understanding the impact of choices about his/her clinical care, and has someone to provide advice and/or direction on behalf of the patient, if needed in line with State Law.
 - ii) Patient is physically, mentally and cognitively able to call for help
 - iii) Patient can be left alone, and does not require continuous presence of another individual for his/her minimal ongoing health and safety requirements.
 - iv) Patient have informal or other community supports who are willing, able, and available to provide needed care and have signed a back-up agreement.
 - v) Patient has arranged for other formal support for the patient (in addition to the services being provided by BMHHC).