

HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 9
TITLE: HOME CARE

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I. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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II. DESCRIPTIONS

Home care consists of medical care, rehabilitative care, preventive health services, and health-related services furnished to an individual in the individual's home or other place of residence.

III. POLICY

A. Home care is covered when provided by an approved health care provider for the treatment of the covered condition(s) for beneficiaries who are homebound or whose condition is such that home care is indicated. The level of service is based on the:

1. approach and detail of the medical history,
2. extent of the examination,
3. complexity of the decision making process, and
4. severity of the presenting problem.

B. Services of a home health nurse or aide are covered when:

1. the medical services are provided in the patient's place of residence,
2. are medically necessary, and
3. prescribed by a physician.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- A. A treatment plan is required.
- B. Nursing notes must accompany claims.

V. EXCLUSIONS

- A. Homemaker services.
- B. Companion services.
- C. Day care (child or adult).
- D. Personal attendant (an individual who assists with activities of daily living such as cleaning, shopping, etc.)

END OF POLICY