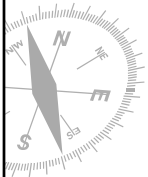


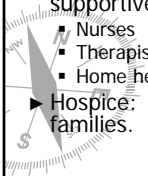
Home Health Care



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Background: some definitions

- ▶ Home Care: non professional supportive services.
 - Home care aides
 - Respite
 - Chore assistance
- ▶ Home health care: skilled health care and supportive services.
 - Nurses
 - Therapists
 - Home health aides
- ▶ Hospice: care for terminally ill patients and their families.



Goals of in-home care

- ▶ Assistance with ADLs
- ▶ Assistance with keeping up the house
- ▶ Medical services
- ▶ Overall: avoid placement into long term care facilities



Types of in-home services

- ▶ Home health: authorized by a physician and provided by nurses, aides, therapists, etc
- ▶ Home health aides: medical care provided by certified nursing assistant
- ▶ Personal care: ADLs and household chores
- ▶ Respite care: aimed at caregivers

Who pays?

- ▶ Medicaid
- ▶ Medicare
- ▶ Veteran's affairs
- ▶ Insurance companies long term care services
- ▶ Private pay

Medicaid long term care services

- ▶ Long term care services through ADSA HCS
 - Functional need
 - Income and resource limits vary
 - Standard is 300% of the **FBR** and is called the **Special Income Level (SIL)**
 - If income and resources at or below limits, CN for NF or Home and Community Based Services. If above limit, MN with spenddown for NF only.

Medicare

- ▶ Part A:
 - hospice care
 - medically- necessary home health care
 - part of the approved cost for durable medical equipment
- ▶ Part B:
 - medically- necessary physician services at home, in the doctor's office, in a clinic, or hospital
 - in- home use of durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs and hospital beds.
- ▶ Limits on length and circumstances
- ▶ Must be "reasonable and necessary"
- ▶ Does not cover assistance with ADLs, chores, etc

Abbreviations

- ▶ ADL: activities of daily living
- ▶ FBR: Federal Benefit Rate
- ▶ SIL: Special income level
- ▶ CN: categorically needy
- ▶ NF: nursing facility
- ▶ MN: medically needy
- ▶ ADSA: aging and disability services administration
- ▶ HCS: home and community services
