



When Is It Time For Private Duty?

These indicators help you identify the right moment to bring in private duty support.



When Private Duty Becomes the Right Next Step:

- 1** Patients who will be home alone and need added support because family is distant, unavailable, or working.
- 2** Caregivers experiencing burnout who need respite, especially when caring for dementia or advanced chronic illness.
- 3** Patients transitioning to an ALF who may struggle with the adjustment and are at risk for an admission failure.
- 4** Patients with limited support at home. Post-surgical or requiring continuous care, who prefer to remain in their home environment.
- 5** Patients with ongoing ADL or safety needs that increase the risk of complications or readmission, even when home health is involved.
- 6** Patients with a history of frequent or repeat hospitalizations.

Private duty services typically include:

- Companionship & safety supervision
- Assistance with walking and transfers
- Bathing, dressing, grooming, and personal care support
- Family support and communication
- Medication reminders
- Meal prep, light housekeeping, and laundry
- Escorting to medical appointments and social activities
- Early interventions for behavior or health changes

A photograph showing a smiling elderly man in a white shirt and tan cardigan sitting up in bed. A female caregiver in light blue scrubs is standing by his side, smiling and looking at him. The background shows a modern home interior with pendant lights.

A simple way to enhance patient safety at home, reduce readmissions, and support long-term success across the continuum of care.

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