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Home Health vs. Private Duty

Understanding the Difference



Skilled Home Health	Private Duty Home Care
Physician order required	No physician order required
Covered by Medicare or insurance when eligible	Private Pay, Long-Term Care Insurance, and VA programs (where available)
Short-term, intermittent visits	Flexible hourly, overnight or 24-hour support
Skilled nursing and therapy services	Assistance with daily living and personal care
Home Heath: Skilled Nurses, PT, OT & Speech Therapists	Private Duty: CNA/HHA Caregivers

Different Services. Different Needs. One Goal: Supporting the Patient at Home

Home Health and Private Duty are not the same service. Understanding the difference can help patients and families identify the right type of support or when both may be appropriate.

Home Health focuses on skilled, medically necessary care and rehabilitation.

Private Duty focuses on ongoing assistance with daily activities, personal care, companionship, and support at home.

The two services can work together when a patient needs both skilled clinical care and additional hands-on support between visits.

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