



NHS MEDICAL POLICY

Home Health or Infusion Center Alternative Care 2014-001

The most cost-effective option that meets the member's needs will be considered.

Home Health/ Infusion Center visits may be indicated when **ONE or more** of the following are

1	A new diagnosis or change in status requires assessment, education, and monitoring.
2	Cast or immobilization
3	Home Safety Assessment
4	Medication management, adherence instruction and side effects assessment
5	Ongoing condition management education required
6	Significant chronic disease exacerbation with need for clinical intervention and monitoring
7	Central venous access management
8	Wound management
9	Enteral Nutrition management
10	Pain management
11	IV therapy
12	Ostomy management
13	Indwelling catheter management
14	Post-surgical care

15	Need for strengthening and endurance
16	Aphasia or dysphagia
17	Continuation of services to achieve plan of care goals

SOURCES

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3. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. “Examples of skilled nursing and rehabilitation services.” 42 CFR Pt. 409.33 Washington, DC 2013 [assessed 2014 Sept] Accessed at: <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>.

CODE REFERENCE (This may not be a comprehensive list of codes to apply to this policy.)

S9123; S9124; S9128; S9129; S9131, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494, G0495, G0496, G0151 (PT), G0152 (OT) G0153 (ST), G0155 (SW) [G codes usually requested in units and not days]

POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

Date	Action/Description
09/25/2015	Annual review and approval by UM Committee
06/16/2016	Changed from Post Hospital Care (PHC) to Alternative Care (AC)
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06/13/2018	Annual review and approval by UM Committee
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