HOME HEALTH

Beginning in 1967, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Homecare Program has served the citizens of Alabama. The program provides in-home services, prescribed by a physician, to qualified Medicare, Medicaid or Commercial Insurance recipients. Services are provided by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, home health aides, social workers, and therapists. The eligibility requirements vary from one program to another and can depend on such factors as age, disability, or socio-economic status.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Skilled nursing
- Personal care
- Wound care
- Intravenous therapy
- Diabetic care
- Cardiovascular care
- Post hospital assessment and teaching
- Urinary catheter management
- Medical social work services
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy where available
- Pediatric care

MEDICAL CRITERIA

- Medical needs requiring home health
- Physician’s orders

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

There are home health benefits under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Some private insurance policies will also pay for Home Health Care.
REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING (RPM)

RPM is also known as In-Home Telemetry Services. RPM provides services for Medicaid eligible recipients being served through the Patient 1st Program in accordance with the approved Home Health State Plan Amendment.

This Medicaid Patient 1st Program targets patients with chronic disease(s). ADPH provides an RPM Nurse for direct patient contact. All medical data is secure and collected documentation is used by the ADPH RPM nurse. These services are provided under the direction and orders of the patients Primary Care Physician.

The goal of RPM is to decrease exacerbation episodes, emergent care visits, hospital admissions and costs.

Eligibility

- Medicaid Patient 1st recipients having one or more of the following specific primary, chronic disease diagnosis:
  - Congestive Heart Failure
  - Diabetes
  - Hypertension
- Need for daily monitoring for one or more of the above chronic diagnosis that are not in good control
- Physician orders for RPM
- Client’s willingness to participate