

# Home Health Agency VS Home Care Agency

Home Health Agency	Home Care Agency
Patients must require skilled care on a part-time, intermittent basis for a planned program of care over a specified period of time ordered by a physician	Patients and/or family request home care services and meet the requirements established by the individual home care agency
Primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing services and at least one of the following other therapeutic services: physical therapy, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, medical social services or home health aide services	Services available are chore services, companion services, household maintenance and housekeeping
Has policies established by a group of professionals including one or more physicians and one or more registered professional nurses to govern the services which it provides	May or may not have policies and procedures
Supervision of the services provided is by a physician or registered professional nurse	There may or may not be supervision of the services provided
Must maintain clinical records on all patients	May or may not keep records on clients
Requires physician's orders for care and treatment	Does not require physician's orders
Visits are part-time, intermittent and generally last about one hour	Visits are at the request of the patient , minimum visit is usually 2 to 4 hours and can be up to 24 hours
Payor source is Medicare, AHCCCS, ALTCS, private insurance, or private pay	Typically private pay
REQUIRES STATE HEALTHCARE INSTITUTION LICENSE	State healthcare institution license not required