

# Talking with Patients About Home Health Services

“Not only does home health provide important medical support such as medication management, providers can also assess what’s happening in the home and connect seniors with valuable resources.”

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One of the biggest concerns facing seniors is the prospect of losing their independence. This can be triggered by a surgery, fall, change in medical condition, or simply a decrease in stamina that can come with aging.

Whether you have patients with acute recovery needs or you simply sense they could use some additional support at home, home health care services are a great option. Providers can carry out your recommended treatment, so that you can focus on the bigger picture of your patient’s health.

As you know, home health care includes a variety of services provided in the comfort of the patient’s home to help enhance medical recovery, ensure a safe environment, and help maintain quality of life.

Services range from advanced health support to personal hygiene needs to household help to companionship. They are administered by licensed nurses, therapists, aides, and companions.

If your patients are interested in home health care, here are some key points to discuss with them:

- What home health care is
- What services are offered
- How to pay for home health services
- What to look for in a provider
- Benefits of home health

To help your patients determine if home health services could be a good fit for their situation, please share the enclosed handout, About Home Health Care, with them.

