

Home Care Services

At least three organizations offer home health care services for residents of Iowa County. While the full extent of services offered by each may vary, all three provide skilled nursing care, therapies, personal care and light housekeeping. All three accept Medicare and Medical Assistance, as well as other forms of insurance.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible? Everyone who wishes to remain at home but needs some skilled medical services to do so may be eligible for home health care. Patients typically include frail elderly, people recovering from surgery, seniors just released from the hospital, infants with jaundice or problems from premature birth, people recovering from severe accidents or injuries, and people with chronic progressive illnesses.

BENEFITS

What Are The Benefits Of Home Health Care? Where appropriate to a person's needs, home health care agencies can provide medical and support services in a comfortably familiar setting, rather than in a hospital or nursing facility. Also, home health care is generally less expensive than institutional care.

Who Are The Providers? Contact the following organizations for a full description of eligibility, services, and billing options:

■ **Home Health United, 470 Oak St, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578.** Affiliated with hospitals in Reedsburg, Baraboo, Sauk Prairie and Madison, the agency serves Iowa County residents who live as far south as Dodgeville. For more information, call 800-924-9872 or visit www.homehealthunited.org

■ **Homeward Bound, Inc., 130 W Elm St, Lancaster, WI 53813.** An independent home care provider, the agency serves all of Iowa County. For more information, call 608-723-6601 or visit www.homewardboundinc.org

■ **Upland Hills Home Care, 800 Compassion Way, Dodgeville, WI 53533.** Affiliated with the hospital in Dodgeville, the agency serves all of Iowa County. A registered nurse is available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer questions. For more information, call 608-930-7226 or 877-876-2680 or visit www.uplandhillshealth.org/homecare_hospice/index.html