



How can I pay for in-home services?

Medicare

Medicare Helpline **1-800-633-4227**
medicare.gov

Medicare - Pays the full cost of medically necessary home health visits that meet specific criteria by a Medicare approved home health agency. A home health agency is a public or private agency that provides skilled nursing care, physical therapy, speech therapy, and other therapeutic services in the patient's home. These services are usually provided on a periodic basis by a visiting nurse and/or home health aide. Some services may require you to be confined to your home and be under a physician's care. *Check with your home health agency regarding Medicare coverage.*

Medicare Hospice Care - Medicare pays for hospice care for terminally ill beneficiaries who choose to receive hospice care rather than regular Medicare benefits for management of their illness. Medicare hospice is primarily a program of care provided in the patient's home by a Medicare approved hospice provider. *The focus is on care and not cure. Ask your hospice care provider about specific Medicare coverage.*

Department of Health and Human Services

Nebraska State Office **402-471-3121**
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509

These programs have income and resource requirements.

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) - A person must be 60 years old or disabled to be eligible. Income may be up to \$1,088 per month. A couple may have up to \$1,221 per month to qualify. Services may include: transportation, meals-on-wheels, adult day care, congregate meals, and chores (light housekeeping, grocery shopping, laundry, and meal preparation.)

Disabled Persons and Family Support Program - Persons 60 years or disabled may qualify if income is less than \$1,364 per month. A couple may have up to \$1,784 per month. This program disregards medical expenses. The program may assist with disability related expenses such as: architectural home modification to remove barriers, attendant care, home health care, housekeeping, special equipment, respite care, and transportation. To apply call: 402-471-9310 (Lincoln) or 1-800-358-8802.

Medicaid - A State program that assists in the payment of medical expenses for eligible persons who are 65 and older, blind or disabled. In-home service includes personal and home health care. Income and resources must be below the medical assistance guidelines: \$958 per month for individuals and a couple may have up to \$1,293 per month.

Medicaid Waiver - Provides Medicaid recipients, aged 65 and older, with significant health problems funding for the following services that are not usually considered "medical," i.e., chore services: housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, escort and supervision, adult day care, respite care, independent skills management and transportation.

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