



HOME HEALTH AIDE

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1. Policies are subject to change without notice.
2. Policies outline coverage determinations for Select Health Commercial, Select Health Advantage (Medicare/CMS), and Select Health Community Care (Medicaid/CHIP) plans. Refer to the "Policy" section for more information.

Description

Home health aides (HHA) provide routine individualized healthcare such as changing bandages, dressing wounds, and applying topical medications to convalescents, persons with disabilities, or elderly patients in their homes. They also monitor, or report changes in health status, and provide personal care such as bathing, dressing, and grooming of patients. Typically, home health aides are supervised by a nurse or some other medical professional.

COMMERCIAL PLAN POLICY/CHIP (CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM)

Select Health does NOT cover home health aides. Services rendered by a home health aide are considered an exclusion of benefits.

As of January 1, 2014, Home Health Aides will be covered under hospice situations *only* for Idaho Small Employer and Idaho Individual Plans (Preauthorization Required).

As of January 1, 2024, for Colorado based plans, services provided by a home health aide are not covered, *except* when receiving Home Healthcare and Hospice Care. When covered, there is a limitation of 28 hours/week; combined.

Select Health Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

Coverage is determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); if a coverage determination has not been adopted by CMS, and InterQual criteria are not available, the Select Health Commercial policy applies. For the most up-to-date Medicare policies and coverage, please visit their search website <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx?from2=search1.asp&> or the manual website

Select Health Community Care (Medicaid)

Coverage is determined by the State of Utah Medicaid program; if Utah State Medicaid has no published coverage position and InterQual criteria are not available, the Select Health Commercial criteria will apply. For the most up-to-date Medicaid policies and coverage, please visit their website <http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/manuals/directory.php> or the [Utah Medicaid code Look-Up tool](#)

Applicable Codes

CPT Codes	Descriptions
99509	Home visit for assistance with activities of daily living and personal care
HCPCS Codes	
G0156	Services of home health aide in home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
S9122	Home health aide or certified nurse assistant, providing care in the home; per hour
T1004	Home health aide or certified nurse assistant, per visit
T1021	Home health aide or certified nurse assistant, per visit

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