

Home Health Agency Checklist

Use this checklist when choosing a home health agency.

Name of the home health agency _____

Question	Yes	No	Comments
1. Medicare-certified?			
2. Medicaid-certified (if you have both Medicare and Medicaid)?			
3. Offers the specific health care services I need (like skilled nursing services or physical therapy)?			
4. Meets my special needs (like language or cultural preferences)?			
5. Offers the personal care services I need (like help bathing, dressing, and using the bathroom)?			
6. Offers the support services I need, or can help me arrange for additional services, like Meals on Wheels, that I may need?			
7. Has staff that can provide the type and hours of care my doctor ordered and start when I need them?			
8. Is recommended by my hospital discharge planner, doctor, or social worker?			
9. Has staff available at night and on weekends for emergencies?			
10. Explained what my insurance will cover and what I must pay out-of-pocket?			
11. Does background checks on all staff?			
12. Has letters from satisfied patients, family members, and doctors that testify to the home health agency providing good care?			

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