



Choosing a Home Healthcare Agency

Choosing the right Home Healthcare Agency for yourself or your loved one can sometimes feel like a daunting and emotionally charged task. But, it does not have to be. If you ask the right questions, the answers will lead you to the right agency.

Remember, the Home Healthcare Agency that can answer all your questions and that you feel comfortable with will be the right choice for you.

These six questions will make your search easy.

<p>1. Can the agency provide all the services you need?</p> <p>Ask the agency if they develop a personalized care plan designed to meet your individual needs and requirements as determined by you, your family and your doctor. It should include provisions for making revisions should needs change in the future. You should request this plan in writing.</p>	<p>2. Does the agency require special certification for their employees?</p> <p>Many clients and insurance companies require home health aides be certified. Ask if the agency verifies this certification. All qualified agencies offer in-service classes to keep the aide's skills current with new procedures and their certification current. They also make sure the aide's work papers and state required medical forms are up-to-date.</p>
<p>3. Is the agency licensed by the State Department of Health (DOH)?</p> <p>Almost all states require licensing of home health care agencies. Ask if the agency is licensed by the DOH and check with the state to confirm. If an agency is supposed to have a state license, but does not, then you should look for another agency.</p>	<p>4. Will your insurance cover a home health aide?</p> <p>Long term care insurance plans usually cover home health aide services. Insurance companies require that you contract with an agency that is licensed by the State Department of Health and will not cover someone hired privately. Verify this with your insurance plan and ask your agency if they are licensed.</p>
<p>5. Is the agency qualified to accept Medicaid?</p> <p>An agency may contract to accept Medicaid patients through a larger certified agency. If you plan on Medicaid reimbursement, ask the agency if they have such an arrangement in place.</p>	<p>6. How much can I expect to pay for this service?</p> <p>Ask the agency how much they charge. The local rate for a home health aide that provides personal care such as bathing, dressing and other activities of daily living is upwards of \$20 per hour. Prices vary widely by location and agency.</p>

David York Home Healthcare Agency would be happy to give you more information about issues relating to home healthcare. DYA provides compassionate skilled home health aide services for the elderly and disabled in their homes and is abreast of all the latest guidelines for seniors and home care. When home healthcare becomes necessary, David York Home Healthcare Agency is ready to customize a total care plan specific to your case and your family's needs.

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