

Private Duty Helps homecare and Hospice Rock-On!

Introduction

Aging in Place

People we serve

Relationship between Homecare, Hospice, Private Duty

Improved Outcomes

Conclusion

Private duty: *Assistance with Activities of Daily Living*

Private duty performs light housekeeping, laundry, shower assistance, medication reminders, meal preparation, transportation, errands and shopping, companion, respite care.

Average Cost: \$18-21 per hour/min. hours 2

Private duty can use home health and hospice to keep client in home setting without service interruption through hospital or rehab admission.

Medical Homecare Services: *Acute nursing care for the homebound client*

Homebound=client can go to church, beauty shop, bank, grocery, doctor.

Taxing difficulty to leave home=too weak or ill, risk of fall, dementia

Medicare covered services that are limited by doctor order and RN case manager

Watch for: increased weakness, medication changes, change in mental status, new diagnosis, new assistive devices, exacerbation of chronic condition requiring a skilled nurse, surgery, hospital or rehab transition to home

Private duty improves outcomes for medical homecare patients. Readmissions to hospital or rehab are reduced which enables medical homecare to complete care and receive reimbursement. Aide can help with therapy exercises, medication reminders. Aide can help prevent falls by doing chores for the weak client. Aide can assist with transportation so client can keep doctor appointments and remind client to use assistive devices and prevent falls or injury.

Hospice: *Terminal diagnosis or life expectancy of 6 months or less*

Hospice services are managed by a RN and care is covered by Medicare Part A. Agencies provide grief counseling, pastoral care, pain management, palliative care, and volunteer sitters on a limited hourly basis.

Hospice can use private duty to assist family on a 2 to 24 hour basis. Private duty is designed to be there when the family can not. Private duty helps prevent hospitalizations or additional injury by assuring client is safe. Private duty can take over activities of daily living when client is too weak to perform these functions.