

In Home Medical Care for Memory Loss & Dementia



WHAT IS IT?

- Nursing services: Medication management, wound care, education regarding new medical conditions, catheter care, and much more.
- Physical therapy and occupational therapy: Strengthening exercises, education on how to use different adaptive equipment, re-training on daily activities of living including things like showering and toileting, modifications needed to complete these activities and much more.
- Speech language therapy: Evaluation and treatment for difficulty swallowing, memory training, and training in language and social communication.
- Medical social work: Providing referrals to community services, long term planning and teaching coping techniques as well as providing counseling.
- Home health aide: Assistance with showering, dressing, and personal hygiene.

WHEN IS IT NEEDED AND HOW TO GET STARTED?

- After a change in your ability to care for yourself. Examples of when in-home medical care is needed include after a hospital stay, after discharge from a skilled nursing or rehab facility, or after a surgery.
- A referral and order are needed from a physician. If you think in-home medical care is needed, you can also ask your doctor for a referral to services.

WHO MAY USE THIS SERVICE?

- Medicare requires a “home-bound status” in order to be able to qualify for home care services. This means that an individual must have a medical condition that makes leaving the home unsafe or unwise or requires the assistance of a supportive device or assistance of another person to leave the home. See www.medicare.gov for further details. Your physician and the home care agency will review your case to ensure that you meet requirements before starting care.
- An individual must be seen by a physician up to 90 days before starting home care or up to 30 days after home care is started to certify them for services.

Please see reverse side for a listing of service providers who offer in-home medical services in the Greater Grand Rapids area.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Visit rethinkingdementiami.org and click on “in-home medical care” for a complete listing of all providers with more information. This list is only a small sample of the agencies in the area who provide care.

Atrio Home Care

(616) 235-4663 or
(616) 796-3800 for Atrio Lakeshore
atriohomecare.org

Mercy Health Home Care

(616) 685-8800
trinityhomehealth.org/saint-marys-home-care-grand-rapids

Mary Free Bed At Home

(855) 602-2500
maryfreebed.com/mary-free-bed-at-home/

Spectrum Health Visiting Nurse Association

(616) 486-3900
spectrumhealth.org/patient-care/at-home-care/visiting-nurses