

# MaineHealth

## CARE AT HOME

### Homebound: What is Medicare looking for?

Medicare Accepts	Medicare Does Not Accept
Patient with Parkinson's disease, ataxic gait, and history of falls. Spouse unable to assist patient with ambulation and no other person available to assist.	Difficult to travel to physician's office
Short of breath with ambulation of 15 feet or less, requiring assistance of another person to ambulate safely.	Functional decline or weakness
S/P CABG 3 days. Medically contraindicated to leave home due to open wounds/potential for infection.	Unable to leave home due to recent CABG
Becomes severely disoriented when leaving home, even when accompanied by a caregiver.	Confusion or dementia
Psychiatric illness (specify) exacerbation; Expresses paranoid ideation. Presents as danger to self or others.	Paranoid schizophrenic
Chair fast due to exacerbation of MS. Requires assistance of another to use wheel chair.	Requires wheelchair for mobility.

#### For more information on Face-to-Face refer to:

MLN Matters Article *Certifying for the Home Health Benefit*:

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1436.pdf>

Certifying Home Health Care 2015:

[https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/wcm/connect/2df92aaa-eba3-49fe-b02c-5243977a5ff9/1686\\_0915\\_Certifying+HH+Care+9\\_2015+Updated\\_508.pdf?MOD=AJPERES](https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/wcm/connect/2df92aaa-eba3-49fe-b02c-5243977a5ff9/1686_0915_Certifying+HH+Care+9_2015+Updated_508.pdf?MOD=AJPERES)