**Admission Criteria**

Patients must meet all of the following criteria to be admitted to and receive continuing home health services:

1) The patient receives the care in their home or place of residence, not a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or long-term care facility.

2) The patient resides within the service area.

3) The patient is confined to the home because of illness or injury per Medicare guidelines. This means:

a) There is an inability to leave the home or leaving home requires a considerable and taxing effort for the patient.

b) Patient requires the assistance of another person in order to leave their place of residence.

**\*Please Note: Transportation problems are not a deciding factor homebound status. For example, being unable to drive or not having a car or ride does not qualify a person for home health services.**

4) The patient’s place of residence is a safe and appropriate setting for meeting the patient’s needs

and providing the home health services.

5) The patient’s physician determines that it is medically necessary for part-time or intermittent skilled care to be delivered by a skilled nurse or therapist in order to ensure safe, effective treatment.

6) The patient and/or caregivers are willing to participate in the Plan of Care and work toward specific treatment goals.

7) The patient’s medical care is provided under the direction of a physician.