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Home Care for Cancer Patients

Almost 11 million Americans alive today have faced a diagnosis of cancer. Some of them have just been diagnosed or are going through treatment, while others no longer have active symptoms of cancer or are thought to be cured. Advances in cancer treatment and changes in health care systems have led to shorter hospital stays and an increase in the number of people seeking treatment at home.

Redd's Homecare Agency is able to provide in-home care and treatment for patients and families who are living with cancer.

We offer cancer patients with access to medical equipment; visits from registered nurses, physical therapists, and social workers; help with running errands, meal preparation, and personal hygiene; and delivery of medication.

Need Assistance With Payment?

How can cancer patients get assistance paying for home care? There are public and private sources to help patients pay for home care. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and some government-sponsored programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act, cover home care for those who meet their criteria.

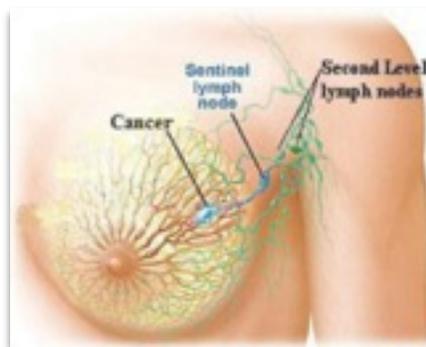
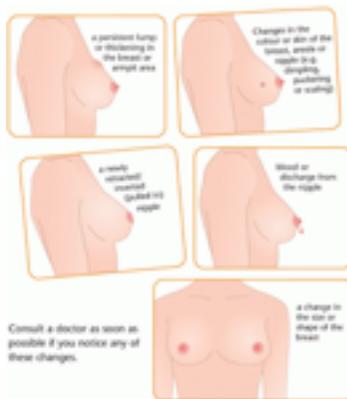
Some people may qualify for Medicare, a government health insurance program for the elderly or disabled that is administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Cancer patients who qualify for Medicare may also be eligible for coverage or reimbursement of home hospice services if they are accepted into a Medicare-certified hospice program. Information is available online, from the toll-free Medicare hotline at 1-800-633-4227 (1-800-MEDICARE), or by writing to 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850. Callers with TTY equipment may contact Medicare at 1-877-486-2048.

Medicaid, a jointly funded, federal-state health insurance program for people who need financial assistance for medical expenses, is also coordinated by CMS. Coverage varies by state but may include part-time nursing care, home care aide services, and medical supplies and equipment. Information about coverage is available from local state welfare offices, state health departments, state social services agencies, or the state Medicaid office.

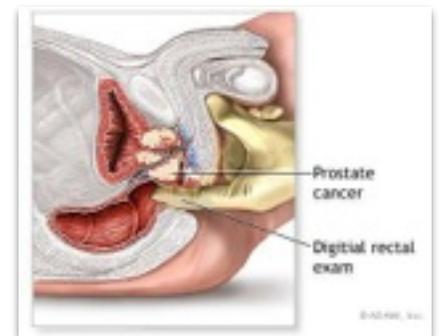
The Older Americans Act provides federal funds for state and local social service programs that help frail and disabled people age 60 and older remain independent. This funding covers home care aide, personal care, meal delivery, and escort and shopping services.

Private health insurance policies may cover some home care or hospice services, but benefits vary from plan to plan. Policies generally pay for services given by skilled professionals, but the patient may be responsible for a deductible or co-payment. Many health maintenance organizations require that home care or hospice services be given by authorized agencies.

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