



Home Care Attendant

Available through Ohio Home Care and MyCare Waivers

Home care attendant (HCA) service is a service in which trained, non-nursing staff assist with skilled nursing services like medication administration and g-tube feeding and care. Home care attendants also assist with activities of daily living (ADL), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), and other support services for the individual.

Services Offered



Skilled Nursing

- Intravenous (IV) insertion, removal or discontinuation
- Intramuscular injections
- IV medication administration
- Subcutaneous injections*

- Programming of a pump used to deliver medications*
- Insertion or initiation of infusion therapies
- Central line dressing changes

**With the exception of routine doses of insulin*

Medication

- Reminders

- Organizing

- Administering

Body Care

- Mobility
- Eating

- Showering
- Grooming assistance

Home Support

- Meal preparation
- House cleaning

- Laundry
- Home maintenance

- Chores

Administration

- Correspondence

- Paying bills

Community Access

- Transportation

- Running errands

Requirements



To provide self-directed home care attendant services for the Ohio Home Care and MyCare waivers, **you must:**

- Be [enrolled with the Ohio Department of Medicaid \(ODM\)](#) as a home care attendant; **or**
- Complete at least one of the following:
 - Pass a competency evaluation program or be registered as active / good standing in the Ohio nurse aide registry; **or**
 - Complete a training program and competency evaluation; **or**
 - Complete a certified vocational program in the healthcare field; **or**
 - Provide a written attestation confirming training and skills testing before starting services
- Complete training on providing HCA services as authorized by the individual's healthcare professional
- Complete and maintain first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification

Eligibility

- Home Care Attendant Medication Authorization - [ODM 02389](#)
- Home Care Attendant Skilled Task Authorization - [ODM 02390](#)

Documentation

- [Home Care Attendant Toolkit](#)
- Clinical records per [Ohio Administrative Code \(OAC\) 5160-44-27](#) (K)(1)

Oversight

- Registered nurse (RN) supervision: may be via telehealth, unless the individual's needs necessitate in-person oversight
- Participate in annual self-direction reviews with employer and provider oversight entity

Relevant Ohio Administrative Codes



- ODM home care attendant - [OAC 5160-44-27](#)
- Self-direction, and self-directed caregivers - [OAC 5160-45-03.2](#)
- Conditions of participation - [OAC 5160-44-31](#)
- Incident management - [OAC 5160-44-05](#)