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**SCOPE:**

Group Health Cooperative realizes that to promote independence and autonomy, there are instances when Home Health services are necessary for the health and wellbeing of our members. Home Care services are medically oriented activities related to assisting a member with medical care when there is a skilled need and member is considered home bound.

**POLICY:** It is the policy of Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire (GHC) that Home Health services require prior authorization to ensure services are medically necessary.

**PROCEDURE: Prior authorization required: Yes**

Members must meet medical necessity criteria listed below to qualify for home health services including skilled nursing care, home PT, home OT, and home ST.


1. Services must be ordered by a physician, NP, or PA
2. Services are provided in lieu of continued hospitalization or SNF stay or receiving outpatient services outside the home
3. Member must be home bound
4. Services must be skilled in nature and services that a member or support person is not able to complete
5. Services need to be intermittent, part-time, with an expected end date (other than drawing blood)
6. Service must be reasonable and necessary for the treatment of the illness of injury
7. Services cannot be for the convenience of the member or family
8. Services cannot be custodial or personal care in nature

**Home Health Aide:** This service is a benefit for Medicaid and is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the physician reviewer.

APPROVED: Michelle Bauer MD. DATE: 2/15/2023

**REVISION HISTORY:**

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