

HOME HEALTH NURSING SKILLS & REQUIRMENTS

COMPARISON CHART

HOME HEALTH SETTING

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PRIMARY CARE SETTING



INPATIENT SETTING



Home Health Nurses perform comprehensive assessments including family caregiver abilities and appropriate interventions. ✓

Performs Comprehensive Assessments



Expert in Treating and Managing Diverse Clinical Conditions Daily (*Pediatrics, Cardiac, Infusion Therapy, Mental Health, etc.*)



Performs Assessments and Diagnostic Tests; Administers Treatment and Medication



Identifies Behaviors Impacting Patient Success and Achievement of Goals



Competency in Evaluating the Home Environment for Safety



Home Care Nurses must oversee the care plan and supervise the entire care team remotely. ✓

Practices Independently and Works Autonomously in Care Setting



Provides Highly Skilled Care in Uncontrolled Home Environment



Knowledge of Public Health and Community Health Competencies

Home Care Nurse visits include a review of health insurance benefits as well as insurance enrollment assistance. ✓

Knowledge of Insurance and Financial Requirements

Hospitals and primary care offices employ personnel to assist patients with health insurance benefit coverage. Nursing staff do not assist patients with insurance enrollment.



Comprehensive Knowledge of Community Resources; Acts as Care Coordinator and Navigator for Services

Home Care Nurses are adept at working with family and informal caregivers as part of the treatment plan. ✓

Thorough Knowledge of Cultural Norms, Socioeconomic Needs and Family Dynamics

Home Care Nurses are required to maintain their own personal vehicles for work-related travel to/from patients. ✓

Confident and Reliable Traveler to Inner-City, Remote and Rural Locations



Requires 2 Years Experience to Qualify as a Community Health Nurse

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Could add some information here to indicate what the specifics of an inpatient nurse are – or what percent of home health nurses move to less stressful nursing jobs like inpatient nursing!

INPATIENT AND PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS

