

Home Health Agencies provide home health services according to a written treatment plan signed by the patient's physician in the patient's residence. Home health services include part-time or intermittent skilled nursing care and at least one of the following: physical, occupational or speech therapy; medical social services; or home health aide services.

Exemptions:

Personal or paraprofessional health services provided either with or without compensation when there is no claim that the service is provided as a part of a licensed home health agency.

Professional services provided by Georgia licensed persons when there is no claim that the service is provided as a part of a licensed home health agency.

Services provided under any other license issued by the state when there is no claim that the service is provided as a part of a licensed or certified home health agency.

Any home health agency operated by the federal government.

Type Regulation:

State: An agency must obtain a license. However, the agency must first obtain a certificate of need in order to be eligible for a license.

Federal: An organization choosing to participate in the federal programs must be certified.

Legal Authority:

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-150 et seq. Home Health Agencies

O.C.G.A. § 31-2-8 Actions against applicants or licensees

Rules:

State:

[Rules and Regulations for Home Health Agencies](#), Chapter 290-5-38, effective February 6, 1981.

[Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 111-8-25, effective August 3 2010

Federal:

[Home Health Services](#), CFR Title 42, Chapter IV, Part 484 (for those facilities that chose to be certified) To obtain more information about certification and general information on Home Health Agencies (HHA), visit the CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) website: [Home Health Agency \(HHA\) Center](#)

Fees:

- License: \$1000 annually