

Definition:

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 organization must obtain a license.

Federal: An organization choosing to participate in the federal programs must 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](#)

Legal Authority:

O.C.G.A. Sec. 31-7-150, Title 31- Health; Chapter 7- Regulation and Construction of Hospitals and Other Health Care Facilities; Article 7- Home Health Agencies

[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

Rules:

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

Federal: [Home Health Services](#), CFR Title 42, Chapter IV, Part 484 (for those facilities that chose to be certified)

Fees:

- License: \$200 annually
- Rules: \$5.50