THE ROAD TO MEDICARE-COVERED HOME HEALTH CARE

What’s Required to Qualify?
You must:
• Be under the care of a physician
• Be homebound (Need help of another person or a device to leave home – or SHOULDN’T leave alone.)
• Need reasonable & necessary skilled services

What’s covered?
IF Skilled Services—> THEN Additional Services:
• Intermittent Skilled Nursing
• Physical Therapy
• Speech-Language Pathology
• Occupational Therapy (To continue services)
• Home Health Aide
  – Up to 35 hours/week
  – To provide personal care (Bathing, dressing, grooming, feeding)
• Medical Social Services
• Some Medical Supplies

Equal Access for All Who Qualify
Medicare Coverage must be available for:
• Care to Improve, Maintain, or Slow Decline
• Care for long-term, chronic conditions as well as for short-term, acute conditions
• Care without a cap on how long services can continue
• Care that starts from home or after being an inpatient

Push back if a home health agency says Medicare doesn’t cover necessary care. It’s the law! (Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 7, Section 20)