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LIVE-IN PATIENT CARE ATTENDANT SERVICES

Live-in Aides are placed in the home to meet daily health care needs according to the terms of an individual's particular health condition. Not every client is a good candidate for live-in services. Some things to keep in mind are:

- a) Excessive care needed at night.
- b) 24 hour risk of wandering/safety

Live-in patient care attendants provide all the regular patient care attendant services in addition to which they sleep-in at the patient's home and are present 24 hours a day. They are there primarily for the care of the patient.

Below we have addressed some of the issues of common concern to patients and families regarding live-in patient care attendant services.

Sleep

The aide will have adequate sleeping arrangements. This may be a bed, roll-out couch or cot in another room. The aide is to follow the general rules of the home.

Food

The client is responsible for caregiver's food. ***Caregiver is able to spend up to \$70.00 in food purchases per week purchased by the client.*** If the caregiver has a special diet, the caregiver is responsible for providing food for this diet.

Presence in Home

The aide is not allowed to leave the home at any time unless specifically allowed by the family. If the aide must leave the home for any reason, the office must be called with the departure and return times/days. It is good to keep in mind that often live-in patient care attendants do not drive.

Reporting a Problem

The patient, patient's family or aide is encouraged to call the office with any concerns, problems or questions. A representative is available 24 hours a day in case of an emergency.

Telephone

The telephone is to be used with discretion and with approval of the patient or family.

Service Hours

During the course of the 24 hour period, it is expected that work will be of an intermittent nature, however, live-in Care providers need sleep time, meal time, and free time. The 24 hour breakdown includes approximately:

- 10-12 hours – intermittent work
- 3 hours – meals (1 hour per meal)
- 3 hours – free time (Taken responsibly, not while the client needs assistance)
- 8 hours – sleep time (uninterrupted)

General Functions provided to a Patient by a patient care attendant live-In.

1. Provides a safe environment for the patient and family.
2. Gives full or partial bath in bed, tub or shower.
3. Assists with patient's personal grooming, including care of hair, teeth and mouth, foot care, dressing, shaving, and nail care (other than cutting of nails).
4. Assists patient in walking and in transfer from bed to chair or wheelchair
5. Prepares and serves simple meals according to the patient's specific diet needs, assists patient with eating if needed.
6. Performs household tasks essential to the patient's health, such as:
 - a) Keeps patient's room neat and clean, including dusting and vacuuming.
 - b) Makes and changes the bed, occupied or unoccupied.
 - c) Tidies up bathroom and kitchen after use, including dishwashing after meals.
 - d) Does patient's personal laundry and bed linen.
 - e) Reminds patient of time for medication if patient self-administered; assists patient to take medication if needed. Please note: under no circumstances is it the caregivers' responsibility to pour medications.
 - f) Follows physician orders as instructed and reports any changes in condition to family, primary Medicare agency and/or our office.
 - g) Accompanies the patient to the physician's office or medical facility when necessary.
 - h) Transports Patient to doctor's appointments, shopping, and other errands as required by the patient.

If you have any further questions feel free to call our office at (203) 790-8070