

How are Home Health services paid?

The Memory Loss Program provided by Butte Home and Health may be paid for by Medicare. Under many circumstances, 100% of the intermittent professional services of home health agency are covered by Medicare.

Butte Home Health can also assist the family with arranging for custodial care or continuous care from live-ins and personal care attendants.

How is a patient referred to the Memory Loss Program?

Any family member or friend is welcome to contact our office to inquire about services. Based on information provided, our staff will contact the family/caregiver and primary care physician to arrange appropriate services.

Some Basic Treatment Principles for Memory Loss

Target the Problem or Symptom

1. Rule out medical problems, medications, pain, etc.
2. Attempt control of symptoms with behavioral modification approach.
3. If medication is used:
 - A. Develop a "target symptom"
 - medication is a "probe" into a damaged system
 - B. Start low, go slow
 - watch for adverse or abnormal reaction
 - multiple medication trials are often required
4. Don't give up

About Butte Home Health

Founded in 1984 by Mike & Brooke Quilici; in Chico, California, Butte Home Health & Hospice is a state-licensed, Medicare-certified home health agency. Non profit and community owned, we have grown to serve five counties in Northern California, including: Butte, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba.

Today, our Home Care Programs continue to be on the cutting edge with new methods and approaches to the care of the patient and their family.

Our motto, "A Promise of Excellence" is reflected in our staff and services as we strive for excellence in patient care at all levels.

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Memory Loss Program



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The Caregiver

The role of the caregiver is a difficult and stressful task. One must learn not to personalize and emotionally react to the changes in the memory loss patient but rather to learn to be objective and become a problem solver. To care for and minimize the suffering of a loved one with memory loss could be one of life's greatest challenges. The role can offer some of life's greatest rewards: the fulfillment of a promise of loyalty and commitment despite great adversity.

The Memory Loss Program is designed to support the caregiver in every way possible. The program will network the caregiver to the many excellent community resources for the memory loss patient and the caregiver. Support from family and community are essential for the caregiver, as 50% of caregivers will require medical attention to deal with the stress they experience in this role.

Despite the problems, moments of intimacy, pleasure and fulfillment can be obtained with the memory loss patient.

Butte Home Health Memory Loss Program

What is Dementia?

Dementia is a disorder of brain function that commonly impairs recent memory, language ability, planning ability, following directions, orientation and judgment. In addition, patients often undergo personality changes and have less control over their emotional reactions.

Alzheimer's dementia accounts for 55% of cases, vascular dementia some 15 – 20% of cases, with numerous less common types comprising the remainder of cases.

Statistics:

- 4 million cases in the U.S.
- 500,000 cases in California alone
- 16,000,000 cases projected in the U.S. by 2038

It is important to seek medical attention for the symptoms of dementia as some forms are reversible. In almost all cases the symptoms can be reduced or controlled by behavior techniques or medication. Despite treatment, most forms of dementia are progressive. However, new treatments can reduce the rate of progression.

The National Institutes of Health, major universities, pharmaceutical companies, and other research organizations are dedicating enormous amounts of resources to determine the cause of dementia and methods to improve treatment. Spectacular breakthroughs are expected in the future.

Current treatments

There are numerous behavioral techniques one can learn to help control the patient's symptoms and reduce caregiver stress. Additionally, medications are available to increase one of the major chemical messengers in the brain that is markedly reduced in Alzheimer's dementia. These medications can also help with the symptoms of agitation, anxiety, suspiciousness, depression, insomnia, etc.



The major focus of our Memory Loss Program is to efficiently bring state-of-the art treatment to the dementia patient so the quality of life for the patient and their family can be improved to the fullest extent possible.

Improving Quality of Life is the Focus

To achieve this. Samuel Brown MD and Butte Home Health have developed an innovative and comprehensive "Memory Loss Team" as a part of our Medicare-Certified Home Health Services. This Team evaluates and treats dementia and its life-altering symptoms efficiently and effectively while the patient remains under the supervision of the primary care physician.

Our Team

Included in the Team are:

- Dr. Samuel Brown, Medical Director
- Nurse Managers
- Skilled Nurses
- Medical Social Workers
- Home Health Aides
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists

The Memory Loss Treatment Team at Butte Home Health incorporates a state-of-the-art protocol, which is pre-approved by the primary care physician. The protocol consists of an evaluation and treatment "algorithm" to treat the behavioral and medical problems present. Because memory loss patients often require multiple medication trials and behavior techniques before symptoms can be controlled, the protocol avoids costly delays and suffering.

Since the Memory Loss Treatment Team is mobile, the behavioral and medical problems the patient is experiencing can be treated at HOME. This helps prevent institutionalization and moves the patient to an optimal level of wellness and independence.

For the purpose of Home Health, a HOME is defined as:

- Personal residence
- Retirement Community
- Residential Care Facility for the Elderly

The Memory Loss Treatment Team establishes care plans that are harmonious with assisted living licensing regulations, as well as personal residences.