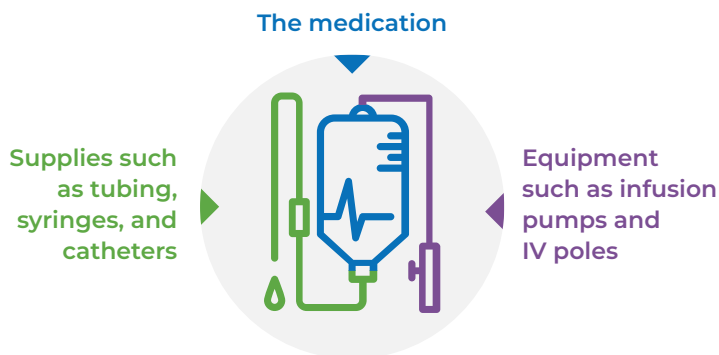


Access Considerations for Home Infusion of Intravenous Therapies

WHAT IS HOME INFUSION THERAPY?

Home infusion therapy involves the intravenous (IV) administration of drugs or biologics to an individual at home.¹ It offers an alternative to receiving infusions in a physician's office, hospital outpatient department, or ambulatory infusion suite.² The components needed to perform home infusion include^{1,3}:



Home infusion may:

- Provide scheduling flexibility
- Eliminate the need for travel to appointments
- Enable patients to receive treatment in a familiar setting

Home infusion requires nursing and pharmacy services, arranged by home infusion or specialty pharmacy providers.^{1,3,4}



Nurses visit the patient's home to administer and monitor the therapy^{1,3}



Between visits, nurses and pharmacists provide patient education, care planning, care coordination, and care management^{1,3}

Health plan coverage of home infusion depends on the patient's benefit design.⁴

Please check a patient's medical and pharmacy benefits coverage or contact OneSource™ or your Field Reimbursement Manager for assistance if you are considering home infusion as an option for a patient. **Call 1.888.765.4747 or visit [AlexionOneSource.com](https://www.AlexionOneSource.com)**

WHO HAS COVERAGE FOR HOME INFUSION THERAPY?

Coverage and out-of-pocket (OOP) costs for IV home infusion, including the medication, equipment, supplies, and nursing services, vary by health plan type (see table below and tables on pages 3 and 4).³ Specific site-of-care requirements are outlined in a patient's benefit design.³

If a patient is able to receive home infusion through their health plan, the provider should check whether the home infusion vendor is contracted by the patient's health plan.⁴ The health plan may also require that the IV medication be dispensed by a contracted specialty pharmacy.



The decision to receive IV infusions at home depends on a physician's assessment of the patient *and* the benefit design of the patient's health plan.^{3,4}

Commercial Coverage of IV Home Infusion

Commercial health plans may offer the most comprehensive coverage of home infusion for patients, and in general, have the lowest OOP costs.^{3,4} Coverage of the IV medication, along with the equipment, supplies, and nursing services, typically occurs under the medical benefit.³

Plan Type	Coverage	OOP Costs
Commercial ³⁻⁶	Medication: Usually covered under the medical benefit, but can also be covered under pharmacy benefit Treatment administration: Nursing services, supplies, and equipment covered under the medical benefit	Medication + treatment administration: Deductible + copay and/or coinsurance until OOP maximum is reached <i>Note:</i> If a patient uses a copay savings program and the plan has a copay accumulator program, the portion of the copay paid by the manufacturer may not count toward the patient's deductible or OOP maximum. As a result, it may take longer for the patient to reach their deductible or OOP maximum

Medicare Coverage of IV Home Infusion

Medicare coverage of home infusion may be more fragmented and limited, with higher OOP costs.^{3,6} Coverage depends on the type of Medicare plan. The medication, nursing services, and equipment and supplies may each be covered by different parts of Medicare.^{3,6}

The National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) estimates that 17 to 24 million Medicare beneficiaries do not have access to a comprehensive home infusion benefit.³

Plan Type	Coverage	OOP Costs
Medicare Part B^{4,6-9} (fee-for-service Medicare)	Medication + equipment + supplies: Coverage of a limited number of infused drugs and associated equipment and supplies for certain indications when delivered via an infusion pump. Coverage is under the DME benefit. For a list of covered drugs, visit www.cms.gov/files/document/mm11880.pdf Nursing services: Covered under the Medicare Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) benefit. Limited to medications covered under the DME benefit	Medication + treatment administration: Deductible + 20% coinsurance <i>Note:</i> Patients may purchase a Medigap plan to help cover the 20% coinsurance
Medicare Part D^{3,4,6,8-11} (fee-for-service Medicare)	Medication: Covers most of the infused medications not covered by Part B Treatment administration: Nursing services, equipment, and supplies not covered by Part D. If also not covered by Part B, Part C may cover a portion <i>Note:</i> Patients with limited incomes and resources can enroll in Extra Help, a program that helps them with Part D OOP costs	Medication: Deductible + 25% coinsurance until catastrophic coverage reached + 5% coinsurance after catastrophic coverage reached Treatment administration: Deductible + 20% coinsurance if covered under Part B; typically deductible + copay and/or coinsurance until OOP maximum is reached if covered under Part C; 100% OOP if no Part B or Part C coverage <i>Note:</i> For high-dollar medications, patients quickly reach the OOP maximum of \$7,050 for catastrophic coverage, and continue to pay a portion of the medication cost (5%)
Medicare Part C^{3,4,6,11} (Medicare Advantage)	Medication: May be covered under Part D Treatment administration: Nursing services, supplies, and equipment often covered under Part C when home infusion benefit is modeled after commercial plans	Medication + treatment administration: When modeled after commercial plans, typically deductible + copay and/or coinsurance until OOP maximum is reached

OOP costs for IV home infusion therapy can be prohibitive for certain Medicare patients.⁶

If you are considering home infusion as an option for a patient, contact OneSource™ or your Field Reimbursement Manager for assistance in determining the site of care that aligns best with the patient's benefit design. **Call 1.888.765.4747 or visit AlexionOneSource.com**

DME, durable medical equipment.



Medicaid Coverage of IV Home Infusion

Most states provide coverage of IV home infusion for Medicaid patients. Coverage can vary by state.³

Plan Type	Coverage	OOP Costs
Medicaid ^{3,4,6}	<p>Medication: Covers FDA-approved drugs with some exceptions. Coverage under the medical or pharmacy benefit is state dependent</p> <p>Treatment administration: Nursing services, equipment, and supplies typically covered under the medical benefit when home infusion is considered medically necessary</p>	<p>Medication + treatment administration: Varies by state</p>

HOW ALEXION CAN HELP

Alexion can help you understand a patient's coverage and OOP costs for IV home infusion therapy.

- 
CONTACT your Alexion Field Reimbursement Manager who can provide site-of-care education, including site options based on the patient's insurance coverage and requirements.
- 
ENROLL a patient in **OneSource™** for help in understanding insurance benefits, navigating home infusion provider options, and identifying financial assistance programs.



AlexionOneSource.com | **1.888.765.4747**

FDA, US Food and Drug Administration.

References: **1.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Home infusion therapy services. Accessed March 29, 2022. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Home-Infusion-Therapy/Overview> **2.** Counce J. Home infusion's expanding role in optimizing site of care. Published May/June 2019. Accessed March 29, 2022. https://nhia.org/documents/CE_May_June_2019.pdf **3.** National Home Infusion Association. About home and specialty infusion. Accessed March 29, 2022. <https://nhia.org/about-infusion-therapy/> **4.** National Home Infusion Association. Home infusion basics: key principles for physicians. Accessed March 29, 2022. https://nhia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Home_Infusion_Basics_for_the_Physician_PPT.pdf **5.** Baker A, Parks S. Understanding copay accumulators: who really benefits? National Infusion Center Association. Accessed March 29, 2022. <https://infusioncenter.org/understanding-copay-accumulators-who-really-benefits/> **6.** National Home Infusion Association. Payers. Accessed March 29, 2022. https://nhia.org/reimbursement_training_center_payers/ **7.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Billing for home infusion therapy services on or after January 1, 2021. Updated December 31, 2020. Accessed March 29, 2022. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm11880.pdf> **8.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Home infusion therapy services benefit beginning January 2021: frequently asked questions. Updated September 2021. Accessed March 29, 2022. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/home-infusion-therapy-services-benefit-beginning-2021-frequently-asked-questions.pdf> **9.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicare & You 2022. Accessed April 28, 2022. <https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf> **10.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Announcement of calendar year (CY) 2022 Medicare Advantage (MA) capitation rates and Part C and Part D payment policies. January 15, 2021. Accessed May 23, 2022. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2022-announcement.pdf> **11.** Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Medicare Plus Blue home infusion therapy. October 2020. Accessed May 23, 2022. <https://www.bcbsm.com/content/dam/public/Providers/Documents/help/home-infusion-therapy-ppo.pdf>

Alexion and the OneSource logo are registered trademarks of Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and OneSource is a trademark of Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. © 2022 Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

