

*Home Health Care Since 1909...
Rooted in the Visiting Nurse tradition.
Growing strong with Competence and
blossoming with Compassion!*

The Berks Visiting Nurse

Association began when a group of graduate nurses first planted the seeds of caring by volunteering to help reduce infant mortality in the Reading Area. With this fertile foundation, our family of companies thrive by using today's most advanced medical technologies. Branching out, we now offer a wide variety of health care services. Our visiting staff blooms with kindness and compassion, offering unrivaled care to clients in their home of choice. Our service area includes Berks, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery and Schuylkill Counties.

Our Mission

The mission of our family of companies is to provide home and community-based health care related services with a focus on helping individuals achieve a level of physical and emotional well being and independence in their home of choice.

Our Family Caring for Your Family™



Berks Visiting Nurse Association

A Home Health Care Management Organization

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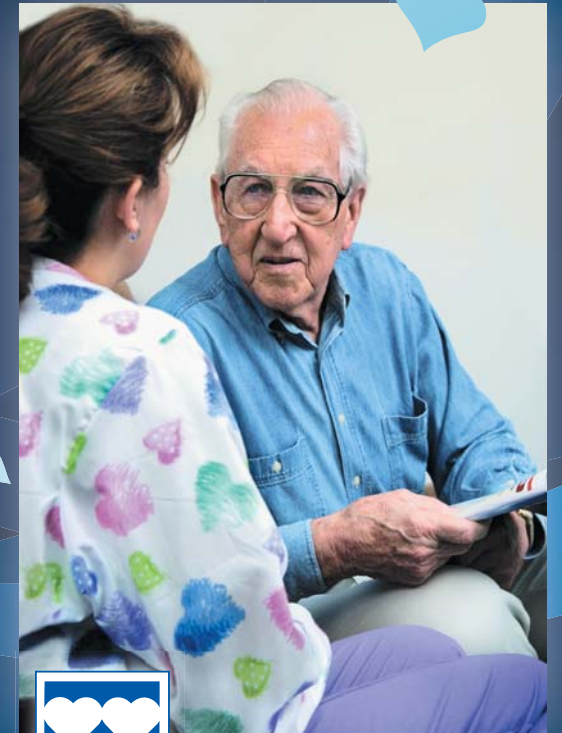
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A United Way Agency
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Berks Visiting Nurse Association

Delivering a Variety of Services, Unrivaled for Quality



One Call Brings It All Home...

If you need services, are not certain which of our services you may need, or would like an assessment visit (with no financial obligation), please call us during business hours:
Reading: 610-378-0481
Outside Reading 1-800-346-7848



PRIMARY NURSING

A primary nurse meets with each client to identify treatment needs, developing a plan of care with the physician:

- Hands-On Physical Care, Wound Care, Catheter Care
- Medication Management
- Disease Management and Monitoring
- Pain Management
- Home Safety

DISEASE MANAGEMENT

When Congestive Heart Failure or Diabetes seems out of control, these two separate management programs focus on concentrated visit patterns, teaching and monitoring methods that will bring more control of the disease and eliminate emergency trips to the hospital.



INFUSION THERAPY

Our IV team of nurses can provide:

- Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
- Intravenous Drug Therapies
- Antibiotics
- Chemotherapy

The IV team educates clients and caregivers regarding the role of infusion therapy in treatment and in proper techniques, precautions and safety measures.

WOUND OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE NURSE (WOCN)

- Ostomy Care
- Consultation for Problematic Wound Care
- Provide Consultation Service
- Hands-On Care for clients with wound and skin care problems

TELEHEALTH/TELEMONITORING

- Video/Audio Monitoring
- Self Monitoring and Disease Management

PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH HOME CARE PROGRAM

Our experienced psychiatric nurses and social workers meet the needs of psychiatric and mental health clients to promote mental health and help maintain independence and maximize potential.

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Our licensed therapists can provide several forms of rehabilitation:

- Physical Therapy to help clients regain independence from lost functions
- Speech Therapy to help clients recover or redevelop communication and cognitive skills through training in speech, writing, listening, swallowing and artificial larynx use
- Occupational Therapy to help clients develop or redevelop daily living skills
- Vital Stim Therapy
- Electric Stim Therapy



MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Our medical social workers help clients of all ages and their families providing:

- Needs assessment and counseling
- Financial information on benefits, insurance, budgeting and money management
- Help with applications for nursing, personal care or boarding home enrollment
- Crisis intervention
- Help in finding home support services and human services providers
- Housing and relocation assistance

PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

Our agency provides pain management control to those who are seriously ill along with medical social services, if needed, to the client and/or family.

HOSPICE PROGRAM

Many terminally ill clients wish to remain at home with their families. Our Hospice team works closely with the client's physician to develop a plan that addresses medical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs and emphasizes comfort through symptom control and pain management. It may include skilled nursing, rehabilitation, counseling, spiritual/bereavement support, respite care, volunteer services and more.

MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH CARE

- Prenatal care for high-risk mothers-to-be
- Postpartum care, including well-baby visits and parenting skills
- Neonatal/Pediatric care for infants with medical needs, using the latest high tech pediatric home care services
- Childhood immunizations

DIETICIAN SERVICES

A registered dietitian is on staff to provide at-home diet counseling for any client, but especially for diabetic, cardiac, renal and cancer clients.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Through our sister organization, Advantage Home Care, we provide supportive help that can be just as important to client and family well-being as skilled health care.

- Private Pay Services are available directly through Advantage Home Care
- Home Health Aide Personal care services
- Emergency Response Monitors Lifeline
- MD.2 Medication Dispense System

CARE MANAGEMENT

Care Management services are funded by the Berks County Office of Aging. Care Managers (social workers and nurses) carry out the care management goal, which is to help individuals aged 60 and over to remain in the community through the least restrictive, most appropriate means possible.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Berks Visiting Nurse Association offers scheduled Bereavement Support Groups. Meetings are conveniently scheduled and are free.

PAYMENT

Medicare, Medical Assistance, private insurance and private pay are acceptable forms of payment. Our staff coordinates the process of reimbursement and insurance claim forms, as well as direct billing to Medicare.

