

Provincial Clinical Policy



Title: Home Care - Intravenous Therapy (IV Therapy)

Level: Provincial

Service Area: Home Care

Applicable to: All healthcare providers, organizations, and facilities across Manitoba involved in delivering health services provided or funded by the government or a health authority.

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1.0. Purpose

- 1.1. To outline general eligibility criteria for intravenous (IV) Therapy.
- 1.2. To outline the process by which IV Therapy is approved.

1.3. Background

- 1.3.1 IV Therapy was implemented in 1978. IV Therapy is administered by the regional health authorities (RHAs) through their home care programs. The primary impact of IV Therapy is that it enables earlier discharge from hospital and may prevent unnecessary hospitalization.

2.0. Scope

- 2.1. Applies to all regional health authorities (RHA) in Manitoba, responsible for administering and coordinating Home Care services.

- 2.2. Applies to all Home Care staff within an RHA, involved in assessing and delivering Home Care services.

3.0. Definitions

3.1. Defined Terms

- 3.1.1 Caregiver: A person who is providing care because of a prior relationship with a client. A caregiver may be a biological family member or “family by choice” (e.g., friends, partners, neighbors).
- 3.1.2 Home Care: The coordinated delivery of a broad range of health and social services to meet the needs of the persons who require assistance or support in order to remain at home or whose functioning without Home Care is likely to deteriorate making it impossible for the person to stay at home in the community.
- 3.1.3 Reassessment: A specific activity, as well as an ongoing process involving the systematic re-evaluation of a patient’s or client’s needs and forms the basis for revising/refining a previously established treatment, care and/or service plan.

3.2. Abbreviations

- 3.2.1 Intravenous Therapy (IV Therapy): Is the giving of liquid substances directly into a vein. It can be intermittent or continuous; continuous administration is called an intravenous drip. The word intravenous simply means “within a vein” but is most commonly used to refer to IV therapy. Therapies administered intravenously are often called specialty pharmaceuticals.
- 3.2.2 Personal Care Home (PCH): Premises in which personal care services are provided to residents in the premises but does not include a private residence in which care is provided by an individual to his or her family member.
- 3.2.3 Regional Health Authorities (RHA): refers to regional health authorities established or continued under the Government of Manitoba, Health System Governance and Accountability Act.

3.3. Professional Groupings

- 3.3.1 Home Care Case Coordinators (HCCC): A professional hired by the RHA to complete client assessments to determine eligibility, to develop

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the Care Plan with the client and/or family/designated other and refer exceptional case decisions to the Home Care Manager.

4.0. Policy

4.1. Home Care Intravenous Therapy (IV Therapy) shall be provided in the client's home or other community setting such as a community clinic based on the individual's needs and available resources to enable earlier discharge from hospital or prevent unnecessary admission.

4.2. Eligibility Criteria

4.2.1 Client eligibility is established by a Home Care Case Coordinator or other designated professional RHA staff when all of the following criteria are met:

4.2.1(a) Eligibility for home care services;

4.2.1(b) Medical stability;

4.2.1(c) The client and caregiver(s) are willing to follow a safe care plan; and

4.2.1(d) The client and caregiver(s) agree to adhere to operational policies of the RHA. These may include but are not limited to:

- frequency of new supplies;
- emergency procedures;
- training requirements;
- personal care requirements; and
- sharing of information.

4.2.2 The client and caregiver(s) agree to adhere to operational policies as set out by the RHA which may include but are not limited to:

4.2.2(a) frequency of therapy;

4.2.2(b) emergency procedures;

4.2.2(c) equipment and supplies; and

4.2.2(d) sharing of information.

4.3. Care Provided

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4.3.1 Clients who are eligible receive:

- 4.3.1(a) Anti-infective (antibiotic) therapy as required; and
- 4.3.1(b) Case management by Home Care Case Coordinators or designated professional RHA staff.

4.4. Discontinuation of Service

4.4.1 IV Therapy may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- 4.4.1(a) condition improved;
- 4.4.1(b) condition deteriorated;
- 4.4.1(c) personal care home placement;
- 4.4.1(d) hospitalization;
- 4.4.1(e) death;
- 4.4.1(f) moved out of service area;
- 4.4.1(g) IV Therapy no longer meets the client's needs; and
- 4.4.1(h) the client or caregiver is unwilling to cooperate with treatment plans.

4.5. Responsibilities

- 4.5.1 Reassessment of individuals on the waiting list(s) are the responsibility of the RHA. An RHA may establish a centralized waiting list.
- 4.5.2 RHAs are responsible for conducting evaluations of IV Therapy delivery.

5.0. Procedure

- 5.1. Not Applicable

6.0. Resources

- 6.1. Not Applicable

7.0. References

7.1. Related Policy Documents

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- 7.1.1 Government of Manitoba (2017). *HCS 207.1 Role of Family/Informal Support Network*. Home Care Policy Manual.
- 7.1.2 Government of Manitoba (2017). *HCS 207.2 General Eligibility*. Home Care Policy Manual.
- 7.1.3 Government of Manitoba (2017). *HCS 207.3 Service Level Policy*. Home Care Policy Manual.

8.0. Contact(s)

- 8.1. Provincial Director Health Services, Primary, Home/Community and Palliative Care Program - Shared Health

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