

# Allina Health Home Infusion Therapy

## What is Infusion Therapy?

Your health care provider has ordered home infusion therapy for you. Infusion therapy is a treatment that gives medicine through an IV line in your hand, arm or chest area.

Infusion therapy is usually given in the hospital. However, it is possible for some infusion therapy to be given in the comfort of your own home.

## What Happens Next?

The Allina Health Home Infusion Therapy Services (AHHITS) team will work with your health care team to coordinate your infusion therapy. The AHHITS team will arrange for:

- a nurse to call you to review your medical history and talk with you about your infusion therapy and insurance coverage
- your IV medicines and supplies to be delivered to your home
- a nurse trained in infusion therapy to come to your home to teach you or your caregiver how to safely give (administer) your infusion therapy. They will also give you materials with step-by-step instructions.

You will receive a call from your pharmacy the next business day, asking how things are going. You will also receive a call from them each time you have IV medicines and supplies delivered to your home.

## Whom To Call With Questions

A member of your health care team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call 763-236-6991 for questions about:

- your medicines
- the delivery of your medicines and supplies.

Call your nursing agency if you have questions about:

- giving your medicines
- nurse visits.

## Your Nursing Agency

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### First home nursing visit:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medicine and supply delivery:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## What Do You Need to Do?

- You or your caregiver need to be willing and able to give your infusion therapy at home.
- Answer all of your phone calls and return any you have missed right away.
- Be home for your scheduled visits and delivery times. (You will need to sign for the delivery of your IV medicines and supplies.)
- If you have pets, keep them in another room during your scheduled visits.
- Keep all of your appointments, even if you feel well.

## Does Insurance Cover Home Infusion Therapy?

The cost of home infusion therapy may be covered by your insurance provider. Call AHHITS at 763-236-6991 with your insurance information to find out if you are covered for home infusion therapy.

## Who Does Your Health Care Team Include?

Your health care team will work together to make sure they have your current health information to provide the best care possible.

Your health care team includes:

- **Health care provider**  
This is the health care provider who ordered your home infusion therapy. This may or may not be your primary care provider. It is important to make sure your primary care provider knows you are having home infusion therapy and to keep all of your appointments with them.
- **Nurse**  
A nurse trained in infusion therapy will teach you or your caregiver how to give the IV medicine. They will make sure you have everything you need and that you feel comfortable doing it yourself.

- **Pharmacist**

A pharmacist trained in infusion therapy will manage your IV medicines. They will work closely with your health care team to make sure your IV medicines are safe and correct.

- **Pharmacy technician**

A pharmacy technician will fill your IV medicines and call you to schedule the delivery of your IV medicines and supplies.

- **Delivery professional**

An Allina Health Home Oxygen & Medical Equipment staff member or trained courier will deliver your IV medicines to your home. This will ensure your IV medicines meet all safety standards during delivery.

Your health care team can also help with getting medical equipment and supplies, or coordinate the following services if needed:

- skilled nursing
- physical therapy
- occupational therapy
- speech therapy
- nutrition services (dietitian)
- social work services
- home health aide services.

## Notes