

A Child's Illness

The illness of a child is a life altering event for everyone involved. The emotional, physical, and spiritual impact a sick child has on a family and community can not be measured.

As with all health care interventions, it must be remembered that children are not little adults. They require specialized treatments and care designed specifically for them.

VNA has cared for children since its inception 50 years ago. Our staff receive pediatric training to provide routine and specialized care to children ages birth through 21 years of age.

Many services and treatments which used to require hospitalization can now be provided in the comfort and familiar surroundings of home. The familiarity and warmth of home and family can not be matched in any other setting. VNA understands this and works with the family to provide vital care and assistance in accommodating the special needs of the sick child.



Additional VNA Services

Home Nursing Services
At Home and Inpatient Hospice
Palliative Care
Home Telemonitoring
Medication Dispensers
Social Worker Consultation
Diet and Nutrition Counseling
Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
Private Duty Nursing, Companion, Aide Services
Disease Management
Wound Treatment and Nail Care Services



VNA, Western Pennsylvania is an affiliate of Lutheran SeniorLife. In addition to home health and hospice services, Lutheran SeniorLife assists clients to live an *Abundant Life*® providing a continuum of care including: independent living, personal care, skilled nursing, rehabilitation, Alzheimer's care, long term care, and the LIFE Programs. For more information on any of these options and services please call 1-877-862-6659.

Pediatric Services



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Home Health Care for Children

VNA has been providing vital home health services to the community since 1965 and not just for the elderly. Home Health Care, Hospice and Palliative Care are all available to children, ages birth through 21. VNA staff have the specialized training and experience to meet the needs of children and their families when illness disrupts family life.

Home Health Care Services

These services are provided under orders from the child's physician. Children requiring skilled care for specific treatments or acute care may receive care and most insurances will cover the cost.

- Home Health Care Services Provided:
- MIED—Maternal Infant Early Discharge—care for mothers and infants immediately after discharge from the hospital
- Bilichek and Biliblanket—monitoring and treatment for the infant with jaundice
- Wound Care
- Tube Feedings
- IV Administration and Care
- Chemotherapy
- Therapy—Respiratory, Speech, Physical, Occupational, and Nutritional

Please call our VNA Customer Center to learn more about Home Health Care Services or to obtain answers to insurance questions.

Private Duty Care for Children

Private Duty services are designed for children who do not require acute care. Children may receive care in the home or at school. Services are provided on a private pay basis, however, some insurances may cover the cost.

Private Duty Services Offered in the Home:

- Hourly Care from a few hours per day to 24 hours per day
- Home Health Aides or Nurses
- Care for children with special needs

Private Duty Services Offered in the School:

- Escort services on the school bus for children with special needs
- In-class aides and nurses for children with special needs.

Please call our VNA Customer Center to learn more about Private Duty Care or to obtain answers to insurance questions.



VNA Customer Center

Phone: 724-282-6806 or 1-877-862-6659

Hospice and Palliative Care for Children

Our trained team of caregivers works with children who have serious or life-threatening illness. Using VNA's Hospice and Palliative Care services allows children to remain at home with family and friends maintaining a familiar lifestyle.

Nurses provide medical care in addition to Social Workers, Therapists, Home Care Aides, and Chaplains who are available to work with the patient and family, helping with care and coping with the illness. Trained Volunteers are available for companionship for the patient or other children, errands, story reading or providing a break for the parent or caregiver.

Patient qualifications include a condition or disease process that limits life expectancy, such as:

- Neurodegenerative disorders
- End-stage cancers or AIDS
- Profound retardation
- Neuromuscular diseases
- Inoperable cardiac defects
- Severe congenital anomalies
- Severe multisystem disorders
- Respiratory disorders

VNA Hospice and Palliative Care has an extensive Bereavement Program designed to assist family and friends, specifically focused on those who have lost a child at any age.

Most insurances cover the cost of Hospice care. Please call our VNA Customer Center to learn more about Hospice and Palliative Care or to obtain answers to insurance questions.