

Mid to Late Stage HD Resources

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Home Health

Home health care services provide a wide range of medical services in a home setting such as physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, medication assistance, nursing services, etc. **Home health is short term and is covered by most health insurances as ordered by a physician.** Please contact your insurance provider for a list of Home Health Agencies contracted for your insurance.

City	Name	Contact Information	Website
Nationwide	National Association for Home Care & Hospice	202-547-7424	Website will allow you to search for Home Care and Hospice Agencies in your area. Visit the website and choose the <i>Agency Locator</i> tab. www.nahc.org
Nationwide	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	7500 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 800-633-4227	Website will provide you will information and resources regarding Medicare eligibility and providers. Once on the website, go to Resource Locator tab and select Home Health Agencies to start the search. www.medicare.gov
Statewide	California Association for Health Care Services at Home	3780 Rosin Ct, Suite 190 Sacramento, 95834 866-422-4724	www.cahsah.org



Hospice

Hospice care offers services and therapies to patients that are terminally ill and want to remain at home at the end of life. Hospice care strives to ensure the comfort of the patient and family at end of life. Hospice teams consist of hospice MD, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers. The role of hospice is to address medical, nursing, psychological, social and spiritual needs for both the patient and family. **Hospice is covered by most health insurances, however, does not provide 24 hour direct caregiving to patients.**

City	Name	Contact Information	Website
Nationwide	Hospice Directory	800-854-3402	Website will allow you to search for local hospice agencies in your area. www.hospicedirectory.org
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Brain, Body & Organ Donation

Donation of any kind is very difficult to do after someone has died; pre-planning will allow you to fulfill your donation wishes. If you are interested and considering brain, body or organ donation, you must pre-register and plan prior to death. You may always change your mind, even after registering.

It is often not logistically feasible to be a brain, body and organ donor, you will need to prioritize what donation is most important to you. Please do an internet search for desired donation type and for other options in your area or call your HD social worker for contact information.

Organ Donation

Organ donation is gifting your organ to a person that needs this organ for medical reasons

Donate Life California

Golden State Donor Services

California Transplant Donor Network

Brain Donation

Brain donation will be used for research purposes, in this case HD research

Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center

Some HD Centers may have brain donation as well

Body Donation

Body donation is used for medical study & teaching of students and staff regarding learning parts of body, procedures, etc

Often referred to as Willed Body Donation

Most medical schools have a body donation option.

Additional Resources:

[HDSA.org](https://www.hdsa.org) HDSA Center of Excellence, UC Davis HD Social Worker
Internet Searches on Willed Body, Brain Donation and Organ Donation