

# What is Home Infusion?

- Home infusion is the administration of medication through a needle or catheter.
- Many of the medications you might be receiving in an infusion clinic or doctor's office can also be given safely at home.
- Some common medications given in home infusion are antibiotics, chemotherapy, treatments for chronic diseases like Crohn's disease or immunodeficiencies.

# Why Are Infusions Performed at Home?

- Many patients find that receiving home infusion provides more flexibility in scheduling their treatments around work, school, and activities.
- Patients reduce their exposure to hospital or community acquired infections like COVID-19.
- Patients report a higher quality of life and the ability to maintain a normal lifestyle.
- Home infusion is more convenient for patients with mobility issues, or who struggle with transportation.
- Over 97% of patients who get home infusion report being very satisfied with their experience.

#### Who Provides Home Infusion Therapies?

- State licensed pharmacies with special expertise in providing infusion medications at home.
- Pharmacist, nurses, dieticians and other members of the home infusion team provide in-person and telephone care to support you.



## Who Pays for Home Infusion?

- Most insurances, Medicaid programs, and some Medicare Advantage Plans pay for home infusion.
- Home infusion providers have specialists who can help you determine if you have coverage for home infusion.

## What Can I Expect if I Get Home Infusion?

- A member of the home infusion team will contact your insurance, Medicaid or Medicare provider to determine coverage for home infusion.
- A member of the home infusion clinical team will call and explain your plan of care and what to expect during your home visit.
- The medication will be delivered to your home.
- A nurse will come to your home to assist with teaching you how to store and administer your medication, and care for your IV.
- Members of the home infusion team will check on you frequently to see how you are doing, refill your medications, and schedule nursing visits.
- Home infusion providers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to questions.

### How do I Start Getting Home Infusion?

- Talk to your physician about whether home infusion is an option for you.
- Go to NHIA.org to search for a provider in your area.



Visit the National Home Infusion Association website at www.nhia.org to search for a home infusion provider near you.