Visiting Nurse Association’s
Advanced Illness Management Program

*is here to help...*

Who can you call on when you or your loved one is suffering from serious chronic illness and has trouble getting out of the home?

**VNA: Your Community Health Care EXPERTS...**

Why did VNA start a HOME-BASED Advanced Illness Management (AIM) Program?

Because we saw the need to offer patients in our community a HOME-BASED option to help manage serious ongoing illness such as advanced heart or lung disease, dementia, cancer, etc.

**What is the vision of the VNA AIM Program?**

- To increase the patient’s comfort and care wherever the patient lives.
- To improve the quality of life for the patient and caregivers and bring hope for engaging in life to its fullest.
- To closely monitor patients and manage symptoms to minimize episodes of crisis and distress.
- To reduce troublesome hospital admissions and emergency room visits.

**What services does the VNA AIM Program offer to patients?**

- Regularly scheduled visits by our AIM team with specialized training in evaluating and managing chronic serious illness. Our AIM team includes physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, spiritual counselors and volunteers.
- Individualized protocols and treatment pathways designed for patient-centered care.
- Both face-to-face communication and written materials to help educate both the patient and caregivers about the illnesses and to help enhance the sense of self-empowerment and well-being.
- Ongoing communication with the patient’s primary care physician during our AIM team’s care.

**Who pays for the Program?**

- Traditional Medicare Part B with or without supplement, including Medicaid.

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