

Which outside health care service providers are considered essential health care providers?

The determination of essential health care providers is determined on a case-by-case basis. The goal of restricting all visitors in long-term care settings is to limit exposure given the high mortality rate for seniors and those with complicating conditions. A risk-benefit analysis should consider whether the health care service is necessary, and/or related to compassionate care at end of life. Typically, hospice, home health, and labs may be considered essential depending on whether the services are considered essential for that particular resident.