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Home Health Compare

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Home Health Compare

- Will take advantage of the National Medicare Education Program Integrated Information Channels
 - Publications
 - Toll-free Telephone Help Line
 - Local Outreach Activities
 - Internet
- The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare Information
 - Recognized as an authoritative, accurate and up-to-date source with reliable information
 - Provides access to other Medicare related resources and helpful tools

Website Components

- Home Page
- Search Page: geography based
- Results Topics:
 - HHA descriptive Information
 - Quality measures with state and phase I state comparisons (national comparisons in Fall 2003)
- Help tools: Qs and As, link to helpful contacts
- Publications and website links
- Downloadable database
- Glossary
- Listserv

HHC Phase I Launch

- All Medicare certified Home Health Agencies. Medicaid-only certified Agencies will not be included.
- Administrative data will be available for all states including:
 - Agency Name, Office address, and Telephone Number
 - Services provided (Nursing Care, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Medical/Social Services, and Home Health Aide etc.)
 - Date of Medicare certification
 - Type of Ownership
- Quality Measures will be available for phase I states only: Florida, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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- Data sources are the Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES) and the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS).
- Instructions to Home Health Agencies for data correction will be placed on the website.
- Searches will be available for state, county, zip code and Agency name.
- Results will be provided based on location where services have been provided in the past:
 - January 2001-December 2002 for April 2003 launch.
 - Zip codes from location where services provided are being used to display results.

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- Results pages will be available for each Agency or for several Agencies.
- The individual Agency results page will show a table with all quality measure rates, the state average and phase I state rate.
- The results page for several agencies will show graphs with all Agency's individual rates and the state average and phase I state rates.
- State Home Health Hotline numbers will be displayed on each results page.
- Additional information pages to describe services offered by Home Health Agencies, explain what Medicare covers, and explain what the quality measures mean.

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- Links to Home Health publications.
- Links to state websites where available (not all states provided a site).
- A listserv will be available for people to subscribe and obtain updates.
- A downloadable database will be available with administrative information and quality measure rates.
- Spanish speaking individuals will be referred to the 1-800 MEDICARE line for further assistance.

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Have a question?

Your answer could be here.

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- [Home Health Compare](#)
- [Nursing Home Compare](#)
- [Prescription Drug Assistance Programs](#)
- [Dialysis Facility Compare](#)
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- [Medicare Health Plan Compare](#)
- [Medigap Compare](#)

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If you would like to speak with a Spanish speaking customer service representative for help with Home Health Compare, please call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) for further assistance.

Overview

Welcome to Home Health Compare. This section gives detailed information about Medicare- certified home health agencies that were certified as of January 2003. New home health agencies may not appear for several months after being approved by Medicare. [Important Information on Home Health Compare](#) and other resources are also included to help you choose a Home Health agency.

Note: The information in Home Health Compare should be looked at carefully. Use it with the other information you gather about home health agencies as you decide where to get home health services. You may want to contact your doctor or State Survey Agency for more information before you choose a home health agency. To report quality of care problems, contact the State Quality Improvement Organization or State Home Health Hotline number that can be found in the [Helpful Contacts](#) section of this website. Additional information about home health agencies can be found on the [state websites](#).

Home Health Compare has information about:

[What is Home Health Care?](#)[Medicare Coverage of Home Health Care](#)[Search for Home Health Agencies in Your Area](#)

Home Health Agency Characteristics:

- Name and office address and phone number of the agency

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Home Health Agency Search

Select a Home Health Agency (Step 3 of 3)

There are 37 Medicare certified Home Health Agencies available in **ALACHUA County, Florida**.

- Select one or more agencies and click "Next Step" at the [bottom of the page](#).
- Click on the "Select All Home Health Agencies" button to view all of the Home Health Agencies in this area.

Select All Home Health Agencies

	Name	Address	Phone Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	A+ HEALTHCARE SPECIALISTS	3405 SW COLLEGE ROAD, SUITE 211 OCALA, FL 34474	(352) 861-4931
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT	1307 NORTH MONROE STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303	(850) 681-0080
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATKINSONS HOME ULTHCARE, INC	1532 KINGSLEY AVE, SUITE 103 ORANGE PARK, FL	(904) 269-8050

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Select a Topic

Home Health Agencies you selected in **ALACHUA County, Florida**

You can see information about the agencies you selected and their quality outcome measures by clicking the appropriate button.

About the Home Health Agency

Quality Measures

Agency Characteristics	Quality Measures
AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT 1307 NORTH MONROE STREET TALLAHASSEE , FL 32303 (850)681-0080 Date of Medicare Certification: 5/1/1977 View all information for this home health agency	Information for 11 of the 11 quality measures is available
ATKINSONS HOME HLTH CARE, INC 1532 KINGSLEY AVE, SUITE 103 ORANGE PARK , FL 32073 (904)269-8050 Date of Medicare Certification: 11/17/2000 View all information for this home health agency	Information for 11 of the 11 quality measures is available
A+ HEAL THCARE SPECIALISTS	Information for 11 of the 11 quality

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Home Health Results

Contact Information:

Home Health Hot Line: 1-800-242-2626

AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT
 1307 NORTH MONROE STREET
 TALLAHASSEE , FL 32303
 (850) 681-0080

- **Type of Ownership:** Proprietary
- **Agency's Initial Date of Medicare Certification:** 5/1/1977
- **Medicare Covered Services:**
 - Nursing Care Services: Yes
 - Physical Therapy Services: Yes
 - Occupational Therapy Services: Yes
 - Speech Pathology Services: Yes
 - Medical/Social Services: Yes
 - Home Health Aide Services: Yes

Quality Measures	Percentage for AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT	State Average	Phase 1 States Average
Percentage of patients who get better at getting dressed	68%	61%	62%
Percentage of patients who get better at bathing	65%	60%	58%
Percentage of patients who are confused less often	42%	43%	41%

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Home Health Agencies you selected in ALACHUA County, Florida

Contact Information:

Home Health Hot Line: 1-800-242-2626

The chart(s) below gives helpful information on the agencies that you have selectd. There are a total of chart(s). Scroll down the page to view all of the charts for the agencies you have selected.

Important Note:The list of Home Health Agencies is based on the places where they have given services in the past. Contact the the Home Health Agency to find out if they still provide services in your area. This information (data) is gathered monthly from the Quality Information Evaluation System (QIES). See [Data Collection Details](#) for more specific information. Much of the information on home health agencies has not been checked independently for accuracy.

Home Health Agency Characteristics		
<u>Agency Name:</u>	A+ HEALTHCARE SPECIALISTS	AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT
<u>Address:</u>	3405 SW COLLEGE ROAD, SUITE 211 OCALA , FL 34474	1307 NORTH MONROE STREET TALLAHASSEE , FL 32303
<u>Phone Number:</u>	(352) 861-4931	(850) 681-0080
<u>Nursing Care Services:</u>	Yes	Yes
<u>Physical Therapy Services:</u>	Yes	Yes
<u>Occupational Therapy Services:</u>	Yes	Yes
<u>Speech Pathology</u>	Yes	Yes

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Quality Information

Home Health Agencies you selected in Florida

Contact Information:

Home Health Hot Line: 1-800-242-2626

Percentage of patients who get better at getting dressed

Why is this important?

Most people value being able to take care of themselves. In some cases, it may take more time for you to dress yourself than to have someone dress you. But it is important that home health staff and informal caregivers encourage you to do as much as you can for yourself. Your home health staff will evaluate your need for, and teach you how to use any special devices or equipment that you may need to help you increase you ability to perform some activities without the assistance of another person.

