

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The source of data for these tables is the Annual Survey of Home Health Agencies, conducted by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, in cooperation with the Bureau of Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits, Division of Health Care Financing; the Office of Quality Assurance, DHFS, Division of Disability and Elder Services; and Wisconsin-licensed home health agencies.

The 2005 survey population consisted of 153 home health agencies. The survey form was sent to all Wisconsin home health agencies in April 2006 along with the Office of Quality Assurance's annual report form (which has replaced a license renewal form). Only agencies that were still in operation in April 2006 were mailed the 2005 survey. Agencies operating in 2005 that did not complete the survey had either closed before April 2006, or closed within a few months.

Please note that the Annual Survey of Home Health Agencies **does not include agencies that provide personal care only.** (It does include those agencies that provide both home health care and personal care.)

Home health services are performed by either a registered nurse, a home health aide (under the supervision of a registered nurse), a licensed practical nurse, or a licensed therapist. These services may include skilled nursing, respiratory care, home health aide, personal care, medication management, medical social services, and physical, occupational, and speech and language therapies provided by a qualified individual in accordance with a patient's plan of care. **Personal care services** are performed by personal care workers under the supervision of a registered nurse. These services assist an individual with activities of daily living necessary to maintain the individual in his or her place of residence in the community, such as assistance with bathing, transferring, personal hygiene, changing bedding and clothing, toileting, and meal preparation.

Detailed information on Wisconsin home health agencies and their patients can be found in the report, *Wisconsin Home Health Agencies and Patients, 2005*. Agency-specific information can be found in *Wisconsin Home Health Agency Directory, 2005*.

Both publications are available online at:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/provider/homehealthagencies.htm>

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A wide variety of health statistics is available on the DHFS Web site: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/>.

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