



Healthcare Services in the Community



Healthcare services in the community may be characterized by length of stay. Inpatient hospital services require one or more overnight stays. Outpatient services in the community setting are walk-in, with no appointment required; same-day medical or surgical procedures; or care delivered in the home.

There are four basic categories of outpatient healthcare services:

- Health and wellness and preventive services
- Diagnostic testing services
- Treatment services
- Rehabilitative services



These services are provided in different types of facilities, such as urgent care centers, diagnostic testing laboratories, and ambulatory surgery centers.

A special category of healthcare services that are located in the community are not walk-in or outpatient facilities, but are services that are provided in a patient's home.

