

# **HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE**

Sector Overview and Observations

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# **HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE MARKET**

Highly fragmented with strong underlying tailwinds and demand drivers

### Home Health

### **Estimated Size & Growth**

CAGR

#### Hospice **Estimated Size & Growth**



Short-term, physician-directed nursing and/or therapy provided in a beneficiary's place of residence

\$142.9B 7.5%+ Market Market

Size

End-of-life care designed to improve the comfort and quality of life for patients in the final phase of terminal illness

\$37.9B Market

Size

Market CAGR

8.1%+

### **Sector Tailwinds**

- Growth in U.S. Medicare-Eligible Population: The total Medicare beneficiary population in the U.S. has been increasing at a CAGR of 2.4% since 2013.
- Increasing Prevalence of Chronic Conditions: Over 85% of adults age 65+ have at least one chronic condition; home health offers a cost-effective means of managing these illnesses and improving outcomes.
- Lowest-Cost Care Setting: Daily costs average ~5% of acute care and ~20% of a skilled nursing facility; strong underlying trend from both payers and hospitals to move patients out of facilities into homes.
- Patient Preference: In 2021, over 80% of adults reported a preference for receiving any "post-hospital, short-term healthcare" at home rather than in a facility.

### **Sector Tailwinds**

- Growth in Medicare Decedents: Growth in the Medicare population will continue to drive growth in Medicare decedents; an estimated 13% to 25% of all Medicare costs are spent on patients in their final year of life.
- Rising Utilization: Utilization of hospice services increased from 25% in 2000 to 51% in 2018 and is expected to reach 67% by 2035 fueled by payor and policymaker incentives to reduce the cost of care for terminally ill patients.
- Lowest-Cost Setting for Highest Cost Population: Hospice care cost is dramatically lower than other end-of-life options; the last year of medical care typically accounts for 44% or more of the individual's lifetime medical spend.
- Market Fragmentation: Despite significant investment activity and consolidation across Home Health & Hospice in the past 10 years, both markets remain highly fragmented. Federal reimbursement changes and competition from well-capitalized and growth-oriented PE platforms are driving small, privately owned operators to seek exits.

# HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE INDUSTRY LANDSCAPE

Despite significant increasing M&A activity, the market remains fragmented



# **PUBLIC COMPANY PROFILES**

Wide variation in trading multiples due to scale, growth rates, margin profile and sector focus



# **PUBLIC COMPANY HISTORICAL VALUATION TRENDS**

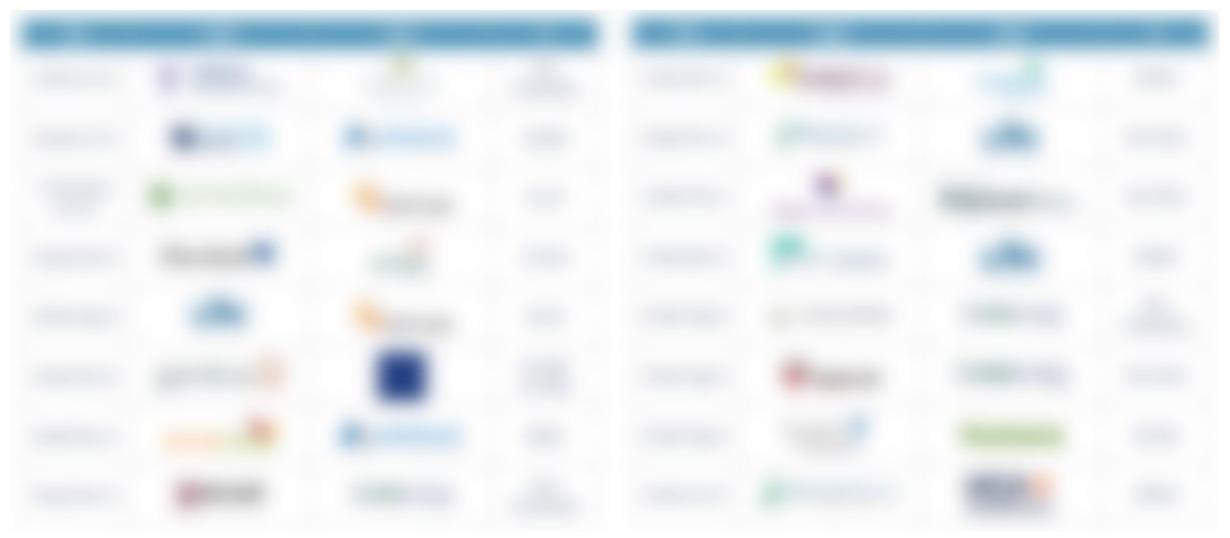
Valuations have reverted to the mean after spiking during the 2018 – 2021 time period

Source: Pitchbook market data as of 12/7/23.

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# NOTABLE RECENT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE TRANSACTIONS

Robust transaction activity in 2021 followed by multiyear lull



# **VALUATIONS FOR HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE M&A TRANSACTIONS**

Platform transactions and strategic add-ons have traded at a 16.3x median EBITDA multiple

# **HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE VALUE CREATION LEVERS**

Market participants use a similar playbook to drive growth, increase margin and deliver shareholder value

### Organic Growth

#### Build Scale and Geographic Density

- Market density allows companies to build strong payor, provider and employee relationships in specific geographies and communities
- Establish local leadership to make operational decisions real-time
- Smaller operators are capital constrained and cannot match investments in local infrastructure

### Capacity, Productivity and Staffing

- Focus on optimizing RN/LPN and PT/PTA staffing ratios to improve margins
- Establish employee retention strategies to limit turnover, especially in the current rising wage environment

#### Establish Continuum of Care

- Integrate full continuum of in-home care services to help patients throughout their care journey as needs change
- Drive higher value per patient and broaden referral network

#### Drive Patient Referrals

- Leverage brand, clinical reputation and community relationships to drive patient referrals from hospitals, physicians, SNFs, senior living and community organizations
- Deliver tangible outcome data to enhance clinical reputation and drive greater patient referrals

## Inorganic Growth

#### Acquire Complimentary Programs

- Leverage M&A to (i) expand into new geographic areas, (ii) add new service offerings, or (iii) gain scale and increase margin
- Capitalize on the highly fragmented provider base and consolidation opportunity
- Subscale targets can be acquired for accretive multiples (although valuation conditions have challenged this opportunity in recent years)
- Integrate targets (operations, culture, technology, billing, clinical, recruiting, compliance) to identify additional value creation opportunities

### Upside

### Strategic Partnerships / Value-Based Care

- Partner with hospitals, physicians and payers to provide at-home care to their patient populations
- Help partners transition patients from acute to post-acute settings to reduce readmissions and improve clinical outcomes
- Extend service offering to provide higher acuity services in the home
- Home health is at the forefront of industry tailwinds related to the transition to value-based reimbursement
- Opportunity to take risk on the total cost of home health from health plans
- Requires substantial investments in technology and efficiency to maintain margin

# **REIMBURSEMENT HISTORY**

Rate expansion not keeping up with margin pressure from labor headwinds



# **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ADOPTION**

Increasing share of eligible Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage will transform home health & hospice

