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Care Dimensions HomeMD Expands Service Area

*Responds to demand for in-home primary care for patients 65 and older
who have difficulty leaving home*

Danvers—Care Dimensions [HomeMD](#) program, which provides personalized, in-home primary care service for patients 65 years and older who have trouble leaving their homes, has doubled its service area to cover 45 communities north of Boston. New patients are being accepted to the practice and seen at home by a physician or nurse practitioner for all primary care needs. HomeMD is part of Care Dimensions' continuum of home care services, but patients do not have to be on its palliative care or hospice services.

“Since we launched HomeMD in November, there has been a huge response and request for us to offer care in more communities,” says Patricia Ahern, Care Dimensions’ President and CEO. “And now, during the response to COVID-19, there is even greater demand for additional safe, easy access to primary care services for patients who are medically fragile. It’s so much easier for our clinicians to come to the patient’s home versus exposing them to the increased risks of leaving home.”

Care Dimensions HomeMD is particularly appropriate for patients who may be physically fragile, have trouble leaving their homes due to physical issues or memory loss, or for those who are managing complex chronic conditions such as diabetes, COPD, stroke or heart failure. Clinicians follow all COVID-19 safety precautions and use appropriate personal protective equipment. Led by long-time North Shore physician Mark Messenger, MD, and nurse practitioners Kristin Chouinard, NP, and Patricia McCarthy, NP, the team has extensive experience caring for the healthcare needs of a rapidly growing elder population.

The HomeMD service area now includes Andover, Arlington, Beverly, Boxford, Charlestown, Chelsea, Danvers, East Boston, Essex, Everett, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lawrence, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Medford, Melrose, Methuen, Middleton, Nahant, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Peabody, Reading, Revere, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wakefield, Wenham, West Newbury, Winthrop, and Woburn.

Visit CareDimensions.org/HomeMD or call **888-281-0011** to learn more about HomeMD.

About Care Dimensions

Care Dimensions is the largest [hospice](#) and [palliative](#) care provider to adults and children in Massachusetts. As a nonprofit, community-based leader in advanced illness care, Care Dimensions provides comprehensive hospice, palliative care, [grief support](#) in more than 95 communities in Eastern Massachusetts. Founded in 1978 as Hospice of the North Shore, Care Dimensions cares for patients wherever they live: in their homes, in skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities, in hospitals, or at our two inpatient hospice facilities, the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln and the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. Additionally, Care Dimensions HomeMD program provides in-home primary care to patients over age 65 in select communities on the North Shore and Greater Boston who have difficulty leaving home. The Care Dimensions Learning Institute educates more than 7,000 healthcare professionals and community members each year on advanced illness and end-of-life topics. Please visit www.CareDimensions.org to learn more.