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***Home and Community Care Highlights***  
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*Home and Community Care Highlights* responds to decision-makers' needs for timely and relevant evidence by providing accessible synopses of recent research pertaining to the financing, delivery, and organization of home and community-based health care activities.

Synopses are provided in two formats. *Headlines & Conclusions* crystallize the take-home messages of the research in a few sentences. *Thumbnail Summaries* condense the background, methods, findings, and conclusions of the research into quick-to-use, single-page overviews that include reference information.

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This issue focuses on: quality of care, access and utilization, cost-effectiveness and service delivery. The following topical questions are addressed:

1. Does regulation ensure quality of care or better patient outcomes in LTC facilities?
2. Do patients support the use of computers to enhance the quality of health care?
3. What clinical and socioeconomic factors affect home care utilization?
4. Is home ownership a barrier to accessing long-term care?
5. Can injury prevention programs yield substantial cost savings in the acute and community care sectors?
6. Is an alternative model of early discharge for post-hip fracture rehabilitation cost effective?
7. What factors are required for successful implementation of evidence-based practice throughout organizational networks?
8. Will we have enough health care professionals trained in geriatric care to look after the elderly?