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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 topics are addressed:

1. What method of outpatient care yields better outcomes for chronic heart failure?
2. What makes a point of care information system effective?
3. Arthritis patients are high users of home care services.
4. Home care needs of patients living with dementia.
5. Direct funding for home care services.
6. Titration as a means of allocating home care services.
7. Health service contracts.
8. Recruitment problems for home health care researchers.