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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: perspectives on public-private partnerships, the health of and support for unpaid care-givers, a home-based cardiac intervention, a beneficial community-based disease management program, patient perspectives on assisted living, the social effects of 'medicalization' of care, and use of wireless technology to deliver health services. The following topics are addressed:

1. How do public managers' perspectives of public-private partnerships influence realization of policy objectives?
2. Timing is important in offering support to unpaid caregivers of those in end-of-life care.
3. Unpaid caregivers in poor physical health are also more likely to be depressed.
4. Home-based intervention helps cardiac patients at home.
5. Community-based disease management program has positive impact on patient outcomes.
6. Assisted living: A hotel or a home?
7. Has the 'medicalization' of care led to the social exclusion of chronic care users?
8. Use of wireless telecommunications technology to deliver health services at home.