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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: the risks of informal caregiving, prospective payment systems, nursing home treatment of lower respiratory infections, information support for stroke survivors, satisfaction with community residential care, home care experiences under managed competition, reducing the incidence of falls, and using an electronic medical record. The following topics are addressed:

1. Risk factors for potentially harmful informal caregiver behaviour
2. Prospective Payments for home care patients may offer cost savings to government
3. Nursing home treatment for lower respiratory infection is safe and less costly than hospitalization
4. Recommendations for improving information support for stroke survivors and their caregivers
5. Determinants of satisfaction with care for residents of community residential care facilities
6. Benefits of managed competition may not outweigh the difficulties experienced by clients, providers and managers
7. A community-based program is effective in reducing the incidence of falls
8. Patient and physician experiences of patient-accessible electronic medical records