



Frequently Asked Questions Face-to-face Encounter for Home Health Care

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Q: What must be included in the content of Physician Certification of Home Health Services?

A: Under both the hospital insurance and the supplementary medical insurance programs, no payment can be made for covered home health services that a home health agency provides unless a physician certifies that:

- x The home health services are because the individual is confined to his/her home and needs intermittent skilled nursing care, physical therapy and/or ~~speech~~ ~~language~~ pathology services, or continues to need occupational therapy;
- x A plan for furnishing such services to the individual has been established and is periodically reviewed by a physician; and
- x The services are or were furnished while the individual was under the care of a physician.

Q: Is there a standard CMS form for the certification documentation?

Q: What is an example of an acceptable narrative on the fact-

