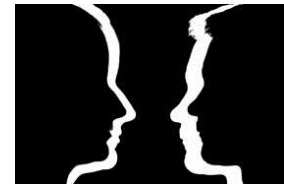


*Attention: Physicians*

## Home Health Final Rule



Please review the following information for physicians, regarding the Home Health Final Rule:

### Durable Medical Equipment

Effective 7/1/17, in accordance with the CMS Home Health Final Rule (2348-F), **physicians or authorized non-physician practitioners (NPP) must document the occurrence of a face-to-face (F2F) encounter with the Medicaid eligible beneficiary.** The face-to-face encounter must be related to the primary reason the beneficiary requires the medical equipment and the visit must occur no more than 6 months prior to delivery. The documentation must be maintained in the patient's file for a minimum of ten years.

This is for **fee for service members only** and aligns with similar regulatory requirements for Medicare. The list of DME items subject to the F2F encounter requirement may be viewed by [clicking here](#).

### Skilled Nursing and Aide Services

Face-to-Face encounters are required for initial orders for skilled home health services. **The physician must document the occurrence of a face-to-face encounter that is related to the primary reason the beneficiary requires Home Health Services** and the documentation must be maintained in the patient's file for a minimum of ten years. F2F must occur 90 days prior to or 30 days after the start of services. The F2F may be performed by a physician, NP, or clinical nurse specialist working in collaboration with the physician, certified nurse-midwife, or PA under the supervision of the physician.

Please contact your provider representative for any questions. [Click here for contact information](#).



*Attn: DME Providers and Physicians -Home Health Final Rule*

## DME Revised Forms - New F2F Form

To assist with documentation for the Face-to-Face requirement, a optional Face-to-face form is now available for use. The form can be found by clicking the link below.

[Face-to-Face Encounter Form](#)

In addition, other DME Certificate of Medical Necessity forms have also been revised to reflect the F2F requirement.

Providers should [click here](#) to find the revised forms.