

# Home Health Face-To-Face Encounter Certification

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADMISSION ID: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN SIGNING CERTIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PHYSICIAN NPI: \_\_\_\_\_

I, a Medicare-enrolled  physician, or a  non-physician practitioner\* (Check One) had a face-to face encounter with the above-named patient on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ for the following medical condition (s) \_\_\_\_\_ which is related to the primary reason the patient needs home care.

I certify that the patient is homebound and that upon completion of this FTF encounter has the need for intermittent skilled nursing, physical therapy, and/or speech therapy services in their home for their current diagnosis as outlined in the initial plan of care. These services will continue to be monitored by \_\_\_\_\_ who will periodically reviews and update the plan of care as required.

The following clinical findings support that the patient is **HOMEBOUND** (homebound means that there exists a normal inability to leave home, and consequently, leaving home requires considerable and taxing effort) and that the patient requires an assistive device \_\_\_\_\_ or the assistance of a person to leave the home.

The patient requires intermittent **SKILLED NURSING, PHYSICAL OR SPEECH THERAPY** to provide the following treatments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

Per CMS's regulation (42 C.F.R §424.22), "the physician responsible for performing the initial certification must document that the face to face patient encounter, which is related to the primary reason the patient requires home health services, has occurred." This documentation must include the "date of the encounter, an explanation of why the clinical findings of such encounter support that the patient is homebound and in need of either intermittent skilled nursing or therapy services as defined in §409.42 (a) and (c)." \*\* A non-physician practitioner includes a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist working in collaboration with the physician, a certified nurse midwife or a physician assistant under the supervision of the physician.