

Face to Face Encounter Certification Documentation Resource Guide

Reasons for and Types of Home Skilled Services

Select the appropriate skilled needs:

Cardiac

- Change/decline in status
- Changes in medication and medication management
- Skilled assessment and observation of cardiovascular status
- Teaching and training of disease process and symptom management
 - Diet, infection control, safety
 - O₂ use, safety, storage, re-ordering, and need for fire plan
 - Pulse oximetry PRN for S/S respiratory distress and notify physician if <... % on room air

Diabetic

- Change/decline in status
- Unstable blood sugars
- Changes in medication and medication management
 - Diet, infection control, safety – S/S hyper/hypoglycemia
 - Blood sugar monitoring, signs & symptoms to report to physician or RN

GU Catheter

- Change / decline in status
- Skilled assessment & observation of genitourinary status and chronic catheter maintenance
- Teaching & training of disease process & symptom Management
 - Diet & fluids, safety, infection control – S/S of UTI, peri/groin care
 - Medication management
- Reinsert foley every month + PRN

Infusion Therapy

- Lab monitoring **with** medication adjustment
- SN for skilled assessment and training for infusion therapy, line care and maintenance, symptom management, safety and infection control, instruct on signs and symptoms to report to physician or RN

Ostomy

- SN for assessment & observation of GI status, teaching and training of disease process & symptom management
 - Diet, infection control, safety, signs & symptoms to report to physician or RN
 - Medication management as appropriate
 - Instruct on Ostomy care every 3-7 days and PRN

Pulmonary

- Change/decline in status
- Changes in medication & medication management
- Skilled assessment & observation of respiratory status
- Teaching & training of disease process & symptom management
 - Diet, infection control, safety
 - Pulse oximetry PRN for S/S respiratory distress and Notify physician if <... % on room
 - O₂ use, safety, storage, re-ordering, and need for fire Plan

Rehabilitation Services

- PT / OT skilled evaluation for rehabilitation services
 - Gait training, transfer training & stair training
 - Instruction on use of assistive device for ambulation On all surfaces
 - Instruction on use of assistive devices for ADL's
 - Instruct & upgrade home exercise program
 - Recommend home adaptation to facilitate safety
 - Therapeutic exercises to increase strength & endurance
 - Passive and active ROM exercises for strengthening
 - Safety, pain and medication management
- ST skilled evaluation for speech, comprehension and safe swallow
 - Diet, medication management, safety, infection control
 - Assess for pain and teach pain management strategies
 - Perform/instruct on wound care until healed or becomes chronic in status
- Post-surgical wound assessment and care

Homebound Status QUALIFIERS

- Unable to leave home without maximum assistance and/or effort
- Unable to ambulate
- Unsteady gait with assistive device
- Unable to negotiate stairs Requires the assistance of 1-2 people to ambulate
- Requires an assistive device to ambulate
- Poor ambulation – prone to falls
- Post-op weakness
- Severe dyspnea on exertion
- Difficult and taxing effort to leave home
- Medical restrictions – open draining wound, leg elevated at all times
- Severe dizziness
- Confusion/disorientation
- Compromised mental status

ABSENCES that **DO NOT** affect Patient's homebound status

- Absence from home to receive healthcare treatment
- Absence for purpose of attending a religious service
- Occasional absences for non-medical reasons
EX: A unique event – family reunion, funeral, graduation, Wedding

ABSENCES that **DISQUALIFY** Patient's homebound status

- Leaving home against medical advice
- Leaving home for business purposes, work or attendance at school
- Leaving home frequently for non-medical reasons even if it requires difficult or taxing effort
- Leaving home several times a week (routinely) to go out for a meal