

CMS Home Health Face-to-Face *Quick Reference Guide*



Face-to-Face documentation must include the following six elements:

1. Patient's name
2. Clinical condition requiring home health (see reverse side)
3. Homebound status (see reverse side)
4. Need for skilled services
5. Date of the visit
6. Physician's signature and date



What constitutes “homebound” status?

An individual is considered to be “confined to his home” if:

- The individual has a condition due to an illness or injury, that restricts the ability to leave his or her home except with the assistance of another individual or the aide of a supportive device (such as crutches, a cane, a wheelchair, or a walker) or if the individual has a condition due to an illness or injury such that leaving his or her home is medically contraindicated
- The condition should be such that there exists a normal inability to leave home, that leaving the home requires a considerable and taxing effort

EXAMPLE: *A patient exhibiting chronic, debilitating pain unable to tolerate activity.*

What constitutes “medical necessity”?

- Reasonable AND necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of an injury or illness
- Warranted by the patient’s current and documented medical condition
- Must include
 - Skilled nursing, or
 - Physical therapy, or
 - Speech therapy, or
 - Continued occupational therapy

EXAMPLE: *HHC/PT required due to need for skilled nursing and PT/OT.*



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