



Dear Physician/Practitioner:

This letter is to inform you that the Medicare Fee-For-Service program will begin the Home Health Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) program in your state beginning on December 1, 2023. The demonstration requires home health agencies to select one of three medical review options. Regardless of the option chosen, there are no changes to documentation requirements for home health services.

The Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) does not create new documentation requirements for physicians/practitioners or suppliers. You as the ordering provider are required to supply face-to-face encounter visit notes and any other documentation that supports medical necessity for the home health care services you are requesting.

For the patient to meet the requirement for home health care they must have ALL of the following documented:

- Be confined to the home;
- Be under the care of a physician;
- Receiving services under a plan of care established and periodically reviewed by a physician;
- Be in need of skilled nursing care on an intermittent basis or physical therapy or speech-language pathology; or have a continuing need for occupational therapy and;
- Have a face-to-face encounter with a medical provider as mandated by the Affordable Care Act for the initial episode of care.

For further information on the Home Health RCD please visit <https://go.cms.gov/homehealthRCD>. The CMS RCD website provides information about the program and requirements, frequently asked questions, and educational opportunities pertaining to RCD. If you should have any questions concerning the RCD program, don't hesitate to get in touch with CMS at our email address at homehealthrcd@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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