

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Home Health
Templates and Clinical Data Elements (CDEs), Draft Release 2
Thursday, July 12, 2018
2:00pm-3:00 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

PCG will host a Special Open Door Forum (SODF) to allow physicians, provider and supplier professional associations, and/or all other interested parties to provide feedback on Draft Release 2 of the Home Health Templates and CDEs that are posted on the CMS.gov website. CMS held a SODF for Home Health Templates and CDEs on March 1, 2018. The updates reflected in Draft Release 2 are a result of the comments and recommendations that CMS received following the previous SODF.

The updated printable clinical templates and suggested CDEs describe the data elements that CMS believes would be useful in supporting the documentation requirements for coverage of Home Health Services as follows:

1. Plan of Care & Certification, and
2. Face-to-Face Encounter.

The updated Draft Release 2 Home Health Templates and CDEs will be available on the CMS.gov website just prior to the SODF, and can be accessed through the link below:

<https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/Electronic-Clinical-Templates/Other-Benefit-Templates/Other-Templates-home-health.html>

Providers and IT vendors can choose whether or not to use the printable clinical templates and/or the suggested CDEs. The suggested CDEs aren't a form, but a tool that IT vendors can integrate into electronic health record (EHR) systems to create prompts to assist providers with their medical record documentation for Medicare purposes. The templates and CDEs are intended to be a helpful guide, but every section may not apply to all types of patients' services. Providers can choose the information or CDEs that do apply. Once completed by the physician or other practitioner, the resulting documentation would become part of the medical record.

To better assist providers in medical record documentation, for Medicare Fee for Service purposes, CMS has developed lists of clinical elements within a printable clinical template. This development will allow EHR vendors to create prompts to assist the practitioner when documenting. These Home Health Templates and CDEs are some of the first of many on the list of topics that CMS is currently working to address.

Feedback and questions on our drafts can be sent to: clinicaltemplates@cms.hhs.gov. We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

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