

FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER - EXAMPLES

Physician Documentation of Face to Face Encounter

I certify that this patient is under my care and that I, or a Medicare enrolled NPP (a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant working with me), had a face-to-face encounter with this patient that was in whole or in part related to the reason the patient needs home health care.

Date of face to face encounter:

SERVICES (SN, PT, OT, ETC) _____

The findings of this encounter support the need for skilled nursing or therapy services because:

SOME EXAMPLES OF REASONS:

- skilled nursing is needed to provide treatments and care safely and effectively
- skilled nursing assessment/observation is needed due to the potential for complications or exacerbation of the patient's condition
- skilled nursing is needed for teaching /training the patient/caregiver to manage the treatment regimen for this illness or condition
- services of a skilled therapist are needed due to the complexity of the therapy needed to treat the injury, illness, or condition
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The findings of this encounter support that this patient is homebound because:

SOME EXAMPLES OF REASONS:

- the patient requires the assistance of a person or device to safely leave home
- absences from home are contraindicated except to receive medical treatment
- post-surgical restrictions and/or condition limit ability to leave home
- leaving the home requires considerable and taxing effort due to a medical condition
- altered mental status requires supervision when leaving home
- severity of cardiac or pulmonary disease limits activity tolerance
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Signature of Medicare enrolled MD/Date