

CAN I GET PAID FOR SIGNING THE HOME HEALTH CERTIFICATION FORM



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Home health certification

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G0180 Physician certification for Medicare-covered home health services under a home health plan of care (patient not present), including contacts with home health agency and review of reports of patient status required by physicians to affirm the initial implementation of the plan of care that meets patient's needs, per certification period

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Home health re-certification

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G0179 Physician re-certification for Medicare-covered home health services under a home health plan of care (patient not present), including contacts with home health agency and review of reports of patient status required by physicians to affirm the initial implementation of the plan of care that meets patient's needs, per re-certification period

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Who may order and sign the form?

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In addition to physicians,

- The CARES Act **permanently** allows physician assistants, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to sign home health certification forms for services after March 1, 2020

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- Plan is established and periodically reviewed by a physician/NP/PA
- Initial certification period is for a patient who has not received home health services in the past 60 days
- Recertification for when the patient has received home health services for the past 60 days, and physician/NP/PA re-certifies additional period

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- During the course of the home health service, the nurse or other professional calls or messages the physician/NP/PA for updated orders or with questions
- This is the professional, payable service

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- Practitioner billing for the certification must be supervising the patient's care
- Use place of service where most of the work was done, typically office or outpatient department
- Enter provider number of HHA in item 23 of CMS-1500
- Enter date of certification in block 24A of CMS-1500

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Can you be paid to sign the certification for HHA?

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You can bill it on the day of certification, but the payment is for the plan and contacts with the agency during the certification period

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