



UPHP HOME HEALTH CARE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TIPS

The following information is helpful when submitting prior authorization for home health services:

Start of Care only:

- CMS-485 Home Health Certification and Plan of Care (when available)
- Documentation of a face to face encounter with the treating physician within 90 days prior to the start of care date, or within 30 days following the start of care date (when available)
- Supporting documentation of the patient's need for home health services

Continuing Care Requests:

- Date of last face to face encounter with physician
- Written physician's order for continuing home health services from the physician actively treating the patient

Clinical Information:

- Current diagnosis and co-morbidities
- Current medical status
- Medication list and compliance
- Recent hospitalization information
- DME currently utilized
- If requesting home health nurse visits, indicate the specific skilled nursing need to support the request
- Provide a complete description of any wounds: size, depth, type and frequency of dressings
- Daily home health notes for the last 2 weeks for continuing care