

**“Tip Sheet” for Completing
Face-to-Face Encounter Documentation:
*Clinical Support for Skilled Services and Homebound Status***

Skilled Home Health Services

Skilled Nursing:

- Teaching – Including medication management, disease management, wound care, IV therapy
- Administration of medications (IV’s, IM, SC)
- Wound care
- Ostomy care (bowel, urinary, GI, Trach, etc.)
- Assessment and intervention for a decompensated (IE COPD, CHF) disease process
- Assessment and intervention following a surgical procedure.

Rehab Therapy: (includes PT/OT/ST)

- Teaching – including medication, disease management, wound care
- Assessment of home safety and rehabilitation and equipment needs
- Therapeutic exercise, gait training, ROM
- Interventions using other modalities (ultrasound, iontophoresis, etc.)
- Planning and implementation of therapeutic programs

Homebound Status

Generally speaking, a patient will be considered to be homebound if s/he has a condition due to an illness or injury that restricts their ability to leave their place of residence.

Absences from home should require considerable and taxing effort and be for medical reasons or religious services, or are infrequent or of short duration when for other reasons. Below is a list of SOME of the reasons a patient homebound may be homebound:

- Unsteady gait/balance/poor ambulation
- Dyspnea
- Complex wound
- Weakness
- Psychiatric symptoms
- Poor vision
- Dependant with ADLs
- Uncontrolled pain