

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

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

Signature of Medicare enrolled MD/Date

Signature: _____

Printed Signature: _____

Date: _____