

### Home Health CMS Blanket Waiver Guide

Category waived	The waived specifics*	CMS Regulation	CHAP Standard
Physician alternatives	NP/CNS/PA may establish a plan of care, sign the plan of care, certify, and re-certify patient care. ***	Regulation requiring physician oversight	standards requiring physician oversight
Telehealth	Audio only and audio-visual approved. Must not replace in-person visits. Only in-person visits are included on claim, but audio/audio visual must be specified in plan of care. Mode of visit must support patient's needs	Regulation requiring in - person visit Defined in benefit	Standards requiring in-person visits
Face to Face Encounter	If done remotely, needs to be audio/visual	Defined in benefit	NA
Initial Assessments	Done remotely or through record review	§484.55(a)	APC.5.1.M1
Initial Assessments	May be performed by OT/PT/SLP*** if the patient is to receive therapy	§484.55(a) (2)	APC.5.1.M1
Comprehensive Assessment by Therapy	Allows OT/PT/SLP to conduct the assessment on Medicare patients except nursing only cases	§484.55(a)(2)	APC.5.1.M2
Comprehensive Assessment	May take up to 30 days for completion	§484.55(b) (1)	APC.5.1.M2
OASIS Transmission	30 day transmission waived. Delays are permitted but must be submitted before final claim	§484.45(a)	IM.6.1.M1
Aide Supervision	Onsite every 14 days waived but encouraged virtual supervision during the waiver period	§484.80(h)(1)	CDT.10.1.M4
12-Hour Aide Annual In-services	Deadline for 12 hours of training is extended until the end of the first full quarter following conclusion of the PHE	§484.80(d)	HRM.6.D.M2
Annual Aide Onsite Visit with Aide	May postpone these visits during the PHE but visits must be completed within 60 days of the conclusion of the PHE	§484.80(h)(1)(iii)	HRM.10.1.M2
COVID-19 testing	Can be done during an otherwise covered visit.	NA	NA
Discharge Planning	Waives the provision of detailed information regarding discharge planning including data and star rating for certified providers (SNF/HHA)	§484.58(a)	APC.11.1.M1
Clinical Records	Agencies may take up to 10 business days to provide a patient's record upon request	§484.110(e)	IM.4.1.M1
QAPI	Exempt from reporting 10/1/19-6/1/20	NA	NA
QAPI	Narrowed the scope of the QAPI program to include infection control issues/adverse events related to PHE	484.65(a-d)	CQI.1.1.M1 CQI.2.D.M1-2 CQI.3.1.M1-2 LG.4.1.M3

\*Remote refers to both audio only (telephone) or audio/video (FaceTime/Skype) unless otherwise specified

\*\*All listed waivers are blanket waivers in effect until the removal of the PHE and are retroactive to March 1, 2020

\*\*\*As permitted by State Board and State Law