

Hospice CMS Blanket Waiver Guide

Category waived	The waived specifics*	CMS Regulation	CHAP Standard
Telehealth	Audio only and audio-visual approved. Must not replace in-person visits. Only in-person visits are included on claim (with the exception of social work telephone calls). All visits are specified in plan of care. Mode of visit selected must support meeting patient's needs	Regulation requiring in - person visit	Standards requiring in-person visits
Comprehensive Assessments	Timeframe for updating the assessment is extended from 15 to 21 days. This does not include the update to the plan of care which is at §418.56(d)	§418.54(d)	HCPC 17.I
Face to Face Encounter	Licensed practitioners (MD, NP, etc.) may conduct video and audio encounters and bill	Licensed Practitioner	NA
Non-Core Services	Requirement to provide PT/OT/SLP waived during PHE	§418.72	HCDT 14.I
Onsite Aide Supervision	Onsite every 14 days waived but virtual supervision encouraged during the waiver period	§418.76(h)	HSRM 25.I HSRM 28.I
Annual Aide Onsite Visit with Aide	May postpone these visits during the PHE. Visits must be completed within 60 days of the end date of the PHE	§418.76(h)(2)	HSRM 27.D
Annual Competency	Deadline for the annual requirement is postponed until the end of the first full quarter after the end date of the PHE	§418.100(g)(3)	HSRM 14.I
Aide Competency Testing	Allows for the use of pseudo-patients	§418.76(c)(1)	HSRM 9.I
Aide 12 hour annual in-service	Waiving the requirement of aide receiving 12 hours of in-service in a 12 month period	418.76(d)	HSRM 18.I
Volunteer Use	Requirement of use volunteers a minimum of 5% of patient care hours	§418.78(e)	HCDT 21.I HSLG 7.I
QAPI	Scope of the QAPI program to include infection control issues/adverse events related to COVID 19	§418.58(a-d)	HQPI 1.D HQPI 4.I-6.I HQPI 9.I

*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