

Face-to-Face Encounter



- Encounter related to the “primary reason” the person requires home health
- HH/DME provider shall document face-to-face encounter from physician/practitioner
- Home Health – Between 90 days before and 30 days after start of services
- Medical Equipment – No more than 6 months prior to start of services

Medical Supplies / DME



- States can have a list of approved items
- States are prohibited from having “absolute exclusions” and must have a process to request items not on the list
- “Suitable for use in the home” is replaced with “any setting in which normal life activities take place”
- Home health can’t be limited to “homebound”

Managed Care



- Not required by CFR to follow changes
- Best practice
- Anticipate requiring ACOs to comply with these updates
- Consistent approach will result in less confusion regarding Medicaid clients

Compliance Date



- This rule is effective on July 1, 2016
- Compliance date is July 1, 2017
 - Operational challenges for some states
 - Budgetary challenges for some states