

## Home Health Eligibility Criteria

The following questions can help you determine whether your patient meets Medicare's eligibility requirements for home health care.

### Does the patient have a need for skilled nursing?

Skilled nursing services may be needed due to one or more of the following:

- ◆ Hospitalization
- ◆ Recent, new or exacerbated diagnosis
- ◆ Change in medication in the last 60 days
- ◆ New medication in the last 30 days
- ◆ Skilled care related to a treatment of an illness or injury that must be performed by a nurse, such as:
  - Medication administration, other than oral
  - Wound care
  - Urinary catheter care
  - IV therapy
  - Parenteral/enteral nutritional support
  - Diabetic care



**IF YES**, call Family LifeCare **1-800-355-2817** or Fax Home Care Referral

### Does the patient require physical, occupation or speech therapy considering the following?

- ◆ Recent marked decline in functional status (e.g. speech, ambulation, strength, endurance)
- ◆ Recent falls, fracture, stroke
- ◆ Need for home maintenance program to maintain current level of function

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### Does your patient meet homebound criteria?

- ◆ Because of the illness or injury, does the patient require assistance when leaving home?
- ◆ Does the patient have a condition in which leaving home is medically contraindicated?
- ◆ Does the patient have a normal inability to leave home?
- ◆ Does the patient require considerable and taxing effort when leaving home?