

interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: Home Health Agencies, Access Agencies, Physicians, Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and Physician Assistant (PAs) – Revised 05/13/2020

~~Effective immediately, only physicians can sign off on home health orders. The request for additional health professionals based on the CARES Act, specifically APRN and PA to be allowed to sign off on home health orders is currently under consideration and updated guidance will be posted if there are any changes.~~

The above Important Message (IM) is being rescinded and replaced with the following IM:

COVID-19-Physician's Signature on Home Health Orders

Based on the CARES Act Section 7308, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will temporarily allow other health professionals besides physicians, specifically advance practice registered nurse (APRN) and physician assistant (PA) to sign home health orders in an effort to reduce delays in accessing care. Effective April 27, 2020 until the Temporary Coverage Period has ended, the expansion of practitioner authorized to sign home health orders will include, advance practice registered nurse and physician assistant.