

5101:3-12-01 **Home health services: provision requirements, coverage and service specification.**

(A) "Home health services" includes home health nursing, home health aide and skilled therapies as defined in paragraph (F) of this rule.

(B) Home health services are covered only if provided on a part-time and intermittent basis, which means:

(1) No more than a combined total of eight hours (thirty-two units) per day of home health nursing, home health aide, and skilled therapies except as specified in paragraph (G) of this rule;

(2) No more than a combined total of fourteen hours (fifty-six units) per week of home health nursing and home health aide services except as specified in paragraphs (C) and (G) of this rule; and

(3) Visits are not more than four hours (sixteen units). Most visits are usually less than two hours (eight units). Nursing visits over four hours (sixteen units) may qualify for coverage in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-02 of the Administrative Code.

(C) A combined total of twenty-eight hours (one hundred twelve units) per week of home health nursing and home health aide services is available to a consumer for up to sixty consecutive days from the date of discharge from an inpatient hospital stay of three or more covered days in accordance with rule 5101:3-2-03 of the Administrative Code, if all of the following are met by the consumer as certified by the treating physician using the JFS 07137 "Home Care Certification Form" (rev. 7/2006):

(1) Consumer has a comparable level of care as evidenced by either:

(a) Enrollment in a home and community based services (HCBS) waiver; or

(b) Has a medical condition that temporarily meets the criteria for an institutional level of care, which are any of the rules regarding the skilled level of care (SLOC) as defined in rule 5101:3-3-05 of the Administrative Code, intermediate level of care (ILOC) as defined in rule 5101:3-3-06 of the Administrative Code, or ICF/MR level of care as defined in rule 5101:3-3-07 of the Administrative Code. In no instance does this requirement constitute the determination of a level of care for waiver eligibility status, or admission into a medicaid covered long term care institution.

(2) Requires home health nursing or a combination of private duty nursing/home health nursing/waiver nursing/skilled therapy services at least once per week that is medically necessary in accordance with rule 5101:3-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

(3) The consumer has had a covered inpatient hospital stay of three or more days, with the discharge date recorded on form JFS 07137 "Home Care Certification Form" (rev. 7/2006).

(D) The only provider of home health services is the MCRHHA (medicare certified home health agency) that meets the requirements in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-03 of the Administrative Code. In order for home health services to be covered, MCRHHAs must:

(1) Provide home health services that are appropriate given the consumer's diagnosis, prognosis, functional limitations and medical conditions as ordered by the consumer's treating physician for the treatment of the consumer's illness or injury.

(2) Provide home health services as specified in the plan of care in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-03 of the Administrative Code. Home health services not specified in a plan of care are not reimbursable. Additionally the MCRHHA's plan of care must provide the amount, scope, duration, and type of home health service as:

(a) Identified on the all services plan as defined in rule 5101:3-45-01 of the Administrative Code that is prior approved by ODJFS or the case management agency when a consumer is enrolled in an ODJFS-administered home and community based services (HCBS) waiver. Home health services that are not identified on the all services plan are not reimbursable; or

(b) Documented on the services plan when a consumer is enrolled in an ODA (Ohio department of aging) administered or an ODMR/DD (Ohio department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities) administered HCBS waiver. Home health services that are not documented on the services plan are not reimbursable.

(3) Provide home health services in the consumer's place of residence. The consumer's place of residence is wherever the consumer lives, whether the home is the consumer's own dwelling, an apartment, assisted living residence, a relative's home, or other type of living arrangement. The place of residence cannot include a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR).

(4) Not provide home health nursing and home health aide services for the provision of habilitative care, custodial care or respite care, and not provide skilled therapies for the provision of maintenance care, habilitative care, custodial care or respite care.

(a) "Maintenance care" is the care given to a consumer for the prevention of

deteriorating or worsening medical conditions or the management of stabilized chronic diseases or conditions. Services are considered maintenance care if the consumer is no longer making significant improvement in his or her medical condition.

(b) "Habilitative care" is in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-1 of the Administrative Code.

(c) "Custodial care" is the non-skilled personal care, such as help with activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, eating, getting in or out of bed or chair, moving around, and using the bathroom, which is care that most people can do themselves.

(d) "Respite care" is the care provided to a consumer unable to care for himself or herself because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing care.

(5) Bill for provided home health services in accordance with the visit policy in rule 5101:3-12-04 of the Administrative Code.

(6) Bill for provided home health services using the appropriate procedure code and applicable modifiers in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-05 of the Administrative Code.

(7) Bill after all documentation is completed for the services rendered during a visit in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-03 of the Administrative Code.

(E) Consumers who receive home health services must:

(1) Be under the supervision of a treating physician who is providing care and treatment to the consumer. The treating physician cannot be a physician whose sole purpose is to sign and authorize plans of care or who does not have direct involvement in the care or treatment of the consumer. A treating physician may be a physician who is substituting temporarily on behalf of a treating physician.

(2) Participate in the development of a plan of care along with the treating physician and the MCRHHA. An authorized representative may participate in the development of a plan of care in lieu of the consumer.

(3) Access home health services in accordance with the program for the all-inclusive care of the elderly (PACE) when the consumer participates in the PACE program.

(4) Access home health services in accordance with the consumer's provider of hospice services when the consumer has elected the hospice benefit.

(5) Access home health services in accordance with the consumer's managed care plan when the consumer is enrolled in a medicaid managed care plan.

(F) Covered home health services are:

(1) "Home health nursing" is a nursing service that requires the skills of and is performed by a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse at the direction of a registered nurse. The nurse performing the service must be employed or contracted by the MCRHHA providing the service. A service is not considered a nursing service merely because it is performed by, delegated by, or at the direction of a nurse. Home health nursing services:

(a) Must be performed within the nurse's scope of practice in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

(b) Must be provided and documented in accordance with the consumer's plan of care in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-03 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Must be provided in a face-to-face encounter.

(d) Must be medically necessary in accordance with rule 5101:3-1-01 of the Administrative Code to care for the consumer's illness or injury.

(e) Are not covered when the visit is solely for the supervision of the home health aide.

(f) May include home infusion therapy for the administration of medications, nutrients or other solutions intravenously, enterally, or by epidural. A visit made for the purpose of home infusion therapy must be billed using the U1 modifier in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-05 of the Administrative Code.

(2) "Home health aide" is a service that requires the skills of and is performed by a home health aide employed or contracted by the MCRHHA providing the service. Home health aide services:

(a) Are performed within the home health aide's scope of practice as defined in 42 C.F.R. 484.36 (October 1, 2005). The home health aide cannot be the parent, step-parent, foster parent or legal guardian of a consumer who is under eighteen years of age, or the consumer's spouse.

(b) Are provided and documented in accordance with the consumer's plan of care in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-03 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Must be provided in a face-to-face encounter.

- (d) Must be necessary to facilitate the nurse or therapist in the care of the consumer's illness or injury, or help the consumer maintain a certain level of health in order to remain in the home setting. Health related services can include:
- (i) Bathing, dressing, grooming, hygiene, including shaving, skin care, foot care, ear care, hair, nail and oral care, that are needed to facilitate care or prevent deterioration of the consumer's health, and including changing bed linens of an incontinent or immobile consumer.
 - (ii) Feeding, assistance with elimination including administering enemas, unless the skills of a home health nurse are required, routine catheter care, routine colostomy care, assistance with ambulation, changing position in bed, and assistance with transfers.
 - (iii) Performing a selected nursing activity or task as delegated in accordance with section 4723.13.05 of the Revised Code. And performed as specified in the plan of care.
 - (iv) Assistance with activities such as routine maintenance exercises, and passive range of motion as specified in the plan of care. These activities are directly supportive of skilled therapy services but do not require the skills of a therapist to be safely and effectively performed. The plan of care is developed by either a licensed nurse or therapist within their scope of practice.
 - (v) Performing routine care of prosthetic and orthotic devices.
- (e) May also include incidental services along with health related services as listed in paragraph (F)(2)(d) of this rule, as long as they do not substantially extend the time of the visit.
- (i) Incidental services are necessary household tasks that must be performed by anyone to maintain a home and can include light chores, consumer's laundry, light house cleaning, preparation of meals, and/or taking out the trash.
 - (ii) The main purpose of a home health aide visit cannot be solely to provide these incidental services since they are not health related services.
 - (iii) Incidental services are to be performed only for the consumer and not for other people in the consumer's covered place of residence.

(3) "Skilled therapies" are defined as physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services, that require the skills of and are performed by skilled therapy providers to meet the consumer's medical needs, promote recovery, and ensure medical safety for the purpose of rehabilitation.

(a) "Skilled therapy providers" are licensed physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, licensed physical therapy assistants (LPTA) under the direction of a physical therapist, or certified occupational therapy assistants (COTA) under the direction of a licensed occupational therapist who are contracted or employed by a MCRHHA.

(b) "Rehabilitation" is the care of a consumer with the intent of curing the consumer's disease or improving the consumer's condition by the treatment of the consumer's illness or injury, or the restoration of a function affected by illness or injury.

(c) Skilled therapies:

(i) Must be provided to the consumer within the therapist's or therapy assistant's scope of practice in accordance with sections 4755.44, 4755.07, and 4753.07 of the Revised Code.

(ii) Must be provided and documented in the consumer's plan of care in accordance with rule 5101:3-12-03 of the Administrative Code.

(iii) Must be reasonable in their amount, frequency, and duration. Treatment must be considered according to the accepted standards of medical practice to be safe and effective treatment for the consumer's condition.

(iv) Must be provided with the expectation of the consumer's rehabilitation potential according to the treating physician's prognosis of illness or injury. The expectation of the consumer's rehabilitation potential is that the condition of the consumer will measurably improve within a reasonable period of time or the services are necessary to the establishment of a safe and effective maintenance program.

(v) May include treatments, assessments and/or therapeutic exercises but cannot include activities that are for the general welfare of the consumer, including motivational, or general activities for the overall fitness of the consumer.

(G) A consumer who meets the requirements in this paragraph may qualify for increased services. The MCRHHA must assure and document the consumer meets all

requirements in this paragraph prior to increasing services. The U5 modifier must be used when billing in accordance to rule 5101:3-12-05 of the Administrative Code. The use of the U5 modifier indicates that all conditions of this paragraph were met. The consumer who meets the following requirements may receive an increase of home health services if he or she:

(1) Is under age twenty-one and requires services for treatment in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-14 of the administrative Code for the healthchek program.

(2) Requires (as ordered by the treating physician) more than:

(a) Eight hours (thirty two units) per day of any home health service, or a combined total of fourteen hours per week of home health aide and home health nursing as specified in paragraph (A) of this rule; or

(b) A combined total of twenty-eight hours (one hundred twelve units) per week of home health nursing and home health aide for sixty days as specified in paragraph (C) of this rule.

(3) Has a comparable level of care as evidenced by either:

(a) Enrollment in a HCBS waiver; or

(b) A level of care as assessed initially and annually by ODJFS or its designee for a consumer not enrolled in a HCBS waiver. The criteria for an institutional level of care, which are any of the rules regarding the skilled level of care (SLOC) as defined in rule 5101:3-3-05 of the Administrative Code, intermediate level of care (ILOC) as defined in rule 5101:3-3-06 of the Administrative Code, or ICF/MR level of care as defined in rule 5101:3-3-07 of the Administrative Code. In no instance does this constitute the determination of a level of care for waiver eligibility purposes, or admission into a medicaid covered long term care institution; and

(4) Requires home health nursing or a combination of PDN/home health nursing/waiver nursing/skilled therapy services at least once per week that is medically necessary in accordance with rule 5101:3-1-01 of the Administrative Code as ordered by the treating physician.

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