

New Patient Certification

What is New Patient Certification?

GO180 is physician service for the new certification of Medicare-covered home health services.

How do New Patient Certification payments work?

Physicians who refer Medicare patients to home health agencies may file a claim and receive payments from Medicare.

What are physicians paid?

The office par fee (reimbursement) for New Certification is \$67.97 (check your fiscal intermediary to confirm this). To receive payment, submit a signed copy of plan of care (485) along with HCFA Form 1500 .

Services covered by Medicare:

Physician collaboration in initiating patient care as a result of home health agency patient assessment (485) is covered by Medicare.

Rules for a successful claim per Medicare guidelines:

- New certifications are billable once for a home health certification period.
- GO180 can only be used for patients that have not received home health services in the last 60 days.
- HCFA Form 1500 must include the date, the GO180 charge of \$67.97, and the home health agency provider number.
- A copy of the signed plan of care (485) must be submitted with the claim.
- The plan of care must be signed within thirty (30) days of the home health agency start of care date.

“Do Not’s” for filing your claim per Medicare guidelines:

- Do not submit a plan of care that has been signed by another physician or physician assistant.