



483.30 Physician Services



Division of Nursing Homes

Welcome. This is the Physicians Services section of the training.

F712 Physician Visits – Frequency/Timeliness/Alternate NPPs

- Column 1 was divided into two columns and orders added to column three

Table 1: Authority for Non-Physician Practitioners to Perform Visits, Sign Orders and Sign Medicare Part A Certifications/Re-certifications when Permitted by the State

	Initial Comprehensive Visit	Admission Orders	Other Required Visits & Orders [^]	Other Medically Necessary Visits & Orders ⁺	Certification/Recertification [±]
SNFs					
PA, NP & CNS employed by the facility	May not perform	May not provide	May perform alternate visits <i>and sign</i>	May perform and sign	May not sign
PA, NP & CNS not a facility employee	May not perform	May not provide	May perform alternate visits <i>and sign</i>	May perform and sign	May sign <i>as permitted under State laws.</i>
NFs					
PA, NP, & CNS employed by the facility	May not perform	May not provide	May not perform <i>or sign</i>	May perform and sign	Not applicable
PA, NP, & CNS not a facility employee	May perform	May provide*	May perform <i>and sign</i>	May perform and sign	Not applicable

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The Table in F712, depicting the Authority for non-physician practitioners to perform visits, sign orders and sign Medicare Part A Certifications and Re-certifications, has been updated. Column 2, which previously contained the Initial Comprehensive Visit and Admission Orders, has been split into two separate columns. The permissions in these columns have not changed, the columns were just divided for ease of use.

In Column 4, Other required visits. signing orders has been added to each of the rows, for clarity.

And finally, In Column 6, “as permitted by State Laws” was added, to indicate that a non-physician practitioner may sign the Medicare Part A Certifications and re-certifications in accordance with State Laws.

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- Updated the existing example of Level 2 non-compliance

“The facility failed to ensure the physician *personally* conducted an initial comprehensive visit within the first 30 days after admission, for a resident under a Medicare Part A stay.”

Lastly in F712, we added “personally” to the existing Level 2 example. In the Skilled nursing facility setting the physician is required to personally conduct the initial visit and cannot delegate the task to a non-physician practitioner. In contrast, the physician is permitted to delegate the initial visit to a non-physician practitioner in the Nursing Facility.

Congratulations! You have successfully completed this section of the training.

Thank You

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