

## **Ordering Home Health Services**

When ordering Home Health Services please call or text

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Please submit the following via MoreCare:

- Home Health Order signed by a Physician, PA or FNP
- Demographics and Insurance Information
- History & Physical Report
- Admit/Progress notes from MD or FNP
- Medication List
- Discharge Summary
- Face to Face Encounter Documentation **signed by the Certifying Physician**
  - This *narrative* can be included in a consultation note or discharge summary. It must contain the date which the encounter took place, information regarding the diagnosis that is related to the skilled need being ordered for home health, and must state why the patient is homebound in relation to their medical needs.

### **Examples of documentation to describe Homebound status and Skilled need:**

1. **Encounter for respiratory assessment: mild crackles in lower lobes, 3+ edema in bilateral lower extremities secondary to CHF. Needs cardiac assessment, monitoring of signs & symptoms of disease & patient education. Homebound due to shortness of breath with minimal exertion.**
2. **Based on my findings, no s/s infection to wound to left great toe. Patient at risk due to diabetic status. Skilled nursing visits to perform wound care and assess wound status. Patient on bed to chair activities only OR Patient's ability to safely ambulate compromised by wound to toe.**
3. **Status post right total hip replacement. Needs physical therapy to restore ability to walk without assistance. Homebound temporarily due to requiring a walker, inability to negotiate uneven surfaces or stairs, at risk for falls**

*For questions or more information, please contact*

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