

HPMS E-Mail

Date: June 11, 2014

Subject: Correction to Final Call Letter for Contract Year (CY) 2015 Regarding Authorization of Home Health Services

Message:

This memorandum is to correct the Final Call Letter of April 7, 2014 regarding Medicare Advantage organization's (MAO's) certification of enrollees for home health services. We are clarifying that an MAO's authorization for home health services may substitute for the Original Medicare face-to-face certification requirement for the authorization of home health care services.

In certain circumstances, MAOs are not required to follow Original Medicare documentation requirements for the provision of Medicare covered services, but may substitute methods they deem appropriate for ensuring that the services provided are medically necessary, so long as they are not more restrictive than the coverage standards that apply in Original Medicare.