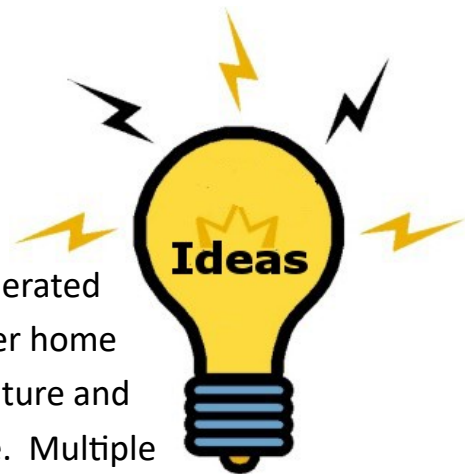


## Physician's Guide to using Home Health Care for Increased Shared Savings



Did you know that over 50 % of home health care orders are not generated by the PCP? Specialists, hospitalists, and nursing home doctors order home health care on your patients. These orders come to the PCP for signature and for management of the patient during the home health care episode. Multiple strategies should be used to manage the cost and the effectiveness of the home health care for your patients.

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- Request a copy of the original order for home care before signing the 485: Review the POC & Bill the G0180 and G0179!
- Check the frequency of nursing visits. Patients should be seen more frequently at the beginning of their home care episode
- 5 or more home care visits of any discipline pays home health care for 60 days. This includes bath visits, nursing visits, PT/OT/ST.
- Never write scripts for “Home Care Eval and Treat”; specify exactly what your patient needs. This will prevent unnecessary services.
- Review each home health care plan of care/order within one week of hospital or SNF discharge.
- Complete a TCM visit on each patient discharged from the hospital or SNF. This is a great time to assess your patients needs for HHC services and their home bound status.
- Remember that home health care is for patients who are HOME-BOUND. Home therapy is an expensive option if your patient is mobile and able to leave the home.