

Promotional: Home Health: Start of Care

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Requirements:

For successful completion of this educational activity and receipt of 0.5 contact hour(s), the learner must:

1. Participate in 30 minutes of continuous learning.
2. Complete a quiz with a minimum score of 85%.
3. Complete an evaluation form.

Educational activity description:

Home health care is a wide range of health care services that may be provided in the home setting for an illness or injury. For a patient to qualify for home health (HH) services they must have a skilled need and be home-bound (per the definition of Medicare). This educational activity reviews mandatory documentation components in the home health start of care process essential for reimbursement, ensuring the patient's eligibility for services and developing an individualized plan of care to meet the person's needs.

Target audience:

The target audience for this educational activity is the registered nurse in the home health setting and other interested persons. This is an intermediate level educational activity.

Readability/Reading Level:

The readability/reading level of this course is 11th-12th grade.

Learning outcome:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will demonstrate knowledge about performing a home health start of care by passing a quiz with a score of 85% or greater accuracy.

Learning objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify two (2) essential components of Home Health Start of Care
2. List three (3) required elements of the Home Health Start of Care Comprehensive Assessment
3. Select four (4) components of the critical review of Home Health Start of Care Documentation

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