

Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio **Referring Your Patient**



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Thank you for your referring your patient to Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio. The following information is vital for fast and efficient processing, and ultimately, providing care to your patient in a timely manner. Please have the following information readily available during your referral process.

- Patient First and Last Name
- Patient Date of Birth
- □ Patient Insurance Type
- □ Date of Discharge
- □ Requested Start of Care Date
- □ Diagnoses
- Skilled Services Requested:
 - □ Med/Surg
 - □ TeleHealth
 - Mental Health
 - $\hfill\square$ Special Care
 - □ Physical Therapy
 - □ Occupational Therapy
 - □ Speech Therapy
 - □ Hospice
 - Social Work
 - □ Home Assist[™]

- $\hfill\square$ Face to Face Encounter* Date
- □ Home Care Order Attached
- Referring Facility Contact Information
- Referring Physician/ Physician Signing 485 Contact Information
- Primary Care Physician Contact Information
- Patient's Emergency Contact Information
- Any additional information/ comments needed to complete referral

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Face to Face Encounters: According to the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, physicians wishing to order home health services for patients covered by Medicare must have a face to face encounter with each patient. These visits must occur 90 days prior to, or within 30 days of the start of a Medicare home health episode, and that visit must also be documented using a Face to Face Encounter Form. Completed Face to Face Encounter Forms can be faxed to 216-694-4259.

In order for Medicare to cover the cost of home healthcare, the patient must be considered 'homebound' and have a skilled need to qualify for services. Under Medicare regulations, a patient is considered homebound if they cannot leave their home without considerable and taxing effort. For many patients, signs may include:

- Requires the aid of supportive devices (wheelchair or walker)
- Requires the use of special transportation
- Needs the assistance of another person
- Has a condition that leaving the home is medically contraindicated
- Symptoms of the disease process worsen when leaving the home

Referrals Made Easy: 1-877-698-6264

For caregiver support and resources, visit www.VNAOhio.org

Contact us

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About VNA of Ohio

Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio provides high-quality comprehensive home health and hospice care to promote health, independence, and dignity to those living in the communities we serve.

Founded in 1902, the organization has built a legacy for helping individuals and their families as they experience a health related situation. Today, we continue to provide expert services that will allow individuals to remain in the comfort of their homes.