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- Medicare-enrolled physicians who are also the certifying physician;
- The following physicians are allowed to perform the face-to-face encounter and inform the certifying physician:
 - Physicians (Medicare-enrolled or otherwise) who cared for the patient in an acute or post-acute facility during a recent acute or post-acute stay and have privileges at the facility;
 - Because residents (Medicare-enrolled or otherwise) do not have privileges at acute or post-acute facilities, if they are performing the encounter and informing the certifying physician, they must inform the certifying physician under the supervision of their teaching physician who must have such privileges.
- NPPs allowed to perform the face-to-face encounter include:
 - A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist working in collaboration with the certifying physician in accordance with State law;
 - A certified nurse-midwife under the supervision of the certifying physician, as authorized by State law; and
 - A physician assistant under the supervision of the certifying physician.
- NPPs are subject to the same financial restrictions with the home health agency as the certifying physician.

8. Recertifications

- Face-to-face encounter documentation is only required for the initial certification
- At the end of the 60-day episode, a decision must be made whether or not to recertify the patient for a subsequent 60-day episode.

Additional Information

A list of frequently asked questions is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Home-Health-Agency-HHA-Center.html> on the CMS website.

MLN Matters® Article #SE1038, which provides guidance for the original face-to-face implementation, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1038.pd651.0.00.02.Tw.0.26sPd651.0>