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PROVISION OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES TO MEDICARE PATIENTS RESIDING IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES
CORPORATE ETHICS & COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

SCOPE:

All Evolution Health colleagues. For purposes of this policy, all references to “colleague” or “colleagues” include temporary, part-time and full-time employees, independent contractors, clinicians, officers and directors.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the general guidelines established by Evolution Health (the “Company”) to ensure the appropriate provision of home health services to patients residing in an assisted living facility (which also includes group homes and personal care homes).

POLICY:

It is Company policy that home health services shall be provided to Medicare patients residing in assisted living facilities but only in accordance with applicable law and this policy.

PROCEDURE:

General Principles

- A patient’s residence is wherever he or she makes his or her home, which can include assisting living facilities, group homes and personal care homes.
- Certain institutions such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and most nursing facilities (referred to herein as “Institutions”) may **not** be considered a patient’s residence. These Institutions are those that are primarily engaged in providing the following types of services to inpatients:
 1. Diagnostic and therapeutic services for medical diagnosis;
 2. Treatment;
 3. Care of injured, disabled, or sick persons;
 4. Rehabilitation services or other skilled services needed to maintain a patient’s current condition or to prevent or slow further deterioration; or
 5. Skilled nursing care or related services for patients who require medical or

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nursing care.

- In other words, a Medicare patient residing in an Institution (or distinct part of an Institution) is **not** eligible for Medicare coverage of home health services.
- If it is determined that the assisted living facility in which the individual resides is not primarily engaged in providing the above services, then Medicare will cover reasonable and necessary home health care furnished to the individual.
- The Company will not bill the Medicare program for the provision of any home health services to Medicare patients residing in an Institution and will work to ensure that home health services provided to Medicare patients residing in assisted living facilities are not duplicative of the services provided by the facility, when the provision of such care is required of the facility under State licensure.