

Post-Discharge Home Visits

Medicare Fee-For-Service beneficiaries today can receive post-discharge home visits when they return home after discharge from an inpatient facility (this service is *not* a home health service for the home bound) from a physician. The Next Generation ACO Model waiver eliminates the direct supervision requirement and allows for a physician to contract with licensed clinicians to provide a home visit to a patient at the patient's home, under the general supervision of a Next Generation ACO Participant or Preferred Provider (a Next Generation Participant or Preferred Provider is a physician that is part of the Next Generation ACO or has agreed to work with the ACO) following discharge from an inpatient facility. This waiver provides flexibility during the critical time when a Medicare beneficiary is discharged from an inpatient facility.

The waiver is available to approved Next Generation ACO Participating Providers and Preferred Providers for their aligned beneficiaries to use if:

- the beneficiary does not qualify for Medicare coverage of home health services;
- the services are furnished in the beneficiary's home after the beneficiary has been discharged from an inpatient facility; and
- the services are furnished not more than once in the first ten days following discharge and not more than twice in the first thirty days following discharge.