



**SAMPLE**

**Face-to-Face Encounter**  
Addendum to 485

**PLEASE FAX TO 919-828-9514**

**FOR QUESTIONS CALL: 919-828-0890**

Patient Name (Last, First): Doe, John

Patient ID #: R1234

I certify that this patient is under my care for the following medical conditions (primary reason for home health care) End stage heart disease and that I, or a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant working with me, had a face-to-face encounter that was in whole or in part for the above medical condition on:

11-14-13 (date of face-to-face encounter)  
Month Day Year

I certify that, based on my findings, the following home health services are medically necessary (Check all that apply):

- Skilled Nursing (required for OASIS)
- Aide Services
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Language Pathology

**Clinical symptoms that support the need for the above services:** Recent hospitalization for CHF; co-morbidity - diabetes. Needs home nursing due to medication changes and high potential for re-hospitalization

I certify that my clinical findings support that this patient is **Homebound** (i.e. absences from home require considerable and taxing effort and are for medical reasons or religious services or infrequent or of short duration when for other reasons) because: Absences from home require considerable and taxing effort. Needs help of another person to leave home. Needs assistance of DME to leave home. Leaving home exacerbates dyspnea.

Physician Signature: Marcus Welby, MD Date: 11-14-13  
Medicare does not allow NP or PA signatures no stamped signatures no stamped dates

Physician Printed Name: Marcus Welby, MD



SAMPLE PHRASING FOR CLINICAL FINDINGS AND HOMEBOUND STATUS  
REQUIRED FOR HOME HEALTH FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER DOCUMENTATION

CLINICAL FINDINGS:

- Patient has Parkinson's disease and CHF. Needs assistance with medication management and observation and assessment for changes in condition.
- Patient needs observation and assessment for unstable CHF and diabetes. Requires therapy related to safety and use of DME.
- Post-CVA swallowing deficits require therapy. Patient needs training regarding safe transfers to reduce risk of falls.
- Patient has COPD and requires training with nebulizer and medications. Needs observation and assessment of unstable condition to reduce risk of re-hospitalization.
- Patient has severe MS impairing movement and has severe back and hip pain; also weak due to aspiration pneumonia; reduced oral intake due to swallowing dysfunction.
- Severe hypertension; renal insufficiency; multiple co-morbidities - requires medication management, observation and assessment for changes in condition.
- Undergoing surgical placement for feeding tube on 02-08-11 due to dysphagia and weight loss. Requires post surgical training on PEG care and use at home.

HOMEBOUND NARRATIVE:

- Patient is homebound since leaving home requires considerable effort involving the use of an assistive device; i.e. walker. Absences from home are infrequent.
- Patient is homebound due to taxing effort required for even short absences. Assistance of another person is required for patient to safely leave home.
- Patient requires an assistive person and a wheelchair to leave home. Patient's effort exacerbates dyspnea.