



State COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Flexibilities Phase-Out

Health Facilities Licensing & Certification Home Health Documentation Flexibilities Expire

New Medical Record Documentation

Effective August 1, 2021, providers must resume **new** home health clinical progress notes documentation.

Existing Delayed Medical Record Documentation

Effective November 1, 2021, providers must complete all home health clinical progress documentation that was postponed during the state COVID-19 disaster declaration

Questions?

Contact Medicaid Program Integrity at dhcs.hflc@alaska.gov.

History

To allow staff to focus on patient care and to reduce administrative burdens as patient loads increased due to COVID-19, DHSS suspended the timeframe for home health clinical progress notes to be incorporated into the clinical record, 7 AAC 12.561(c). With the expiration of the state disaster declaration, this regulatory suspension also expires. To ensure that providers and the state can fully address any issues and re-establish normal operations, a transition period is being implemented with full compliance required effective November 1, 2021.