



Alaska Medicaid Compliance Notice

Home Health Services Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

As part of the 21st Century Cures Act, states must implement the use of an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system by January 1, 2023. The EVV requirement applies to home health services requiring an in-home visit as described in section 1905(a)(7) of the Social Security Administration (SSA) and provided under the state plan or under a waiver of the state plan (such as Section 1915(c) waiver or a waiver under a Section 1115 demonstration).

The purpose of EVV is to electronically verify the time/date of a visit by a health care service provider, where it occurred, and who performed the service. EVV systems can also document visit notes and ensure care plan compliance.

What is EVV?

Electronic visit verification is a computer-based system that electronically documents and verifies service delivery information such as date, time, service type, and service location for certain visits.

What information does EVV verify?

The 21st Century Cures Act requires that the EVV system verify the following data elements relating to services provided:

- The type of service provided
- The name of the recipient receiving the service
- The name of the individual providing the service
- The date of the service
- The time the service begins and ends
- The location of the service

How does EVV work?

The State's chosen EVV vendor is Therap Services LLC. Providers have the option to use Therap's EVV solution at no cost OR may opt to use a third-party system that meets the federal data collection requirements. Therap's EVV system utilizes mobile applications with GPS capabilities (via a cell phone or tablet), visit verification via a landline (IVR), or offline & fixed visit verification. The individual providing services will check in at the beginning of the home health visit and check out at the end of the visit.

What home health services will require EVV?

Home health services subject to the EVV requirements include the following:

- Revenue code 0421 – Physical therapy visit
- Revenue code 0431 – Occupational therapy visit
- Revenue code 0441 – Speech therapy language pathology
- Revenue code 0551 – Skilled nursing visit
- Revenue code 0571 – Home health aide (per visit charge)
- Revenue code 0572 – Home health aide (per hour charge)

Home health providers with additional questions or who would like to receive EVV information & updates via email, please contact Tracy Stephens at Tracy.Stephens@alaska.gov

References:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/34/text>

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