

Public Meeting

DWC Home Health Care Fee Schedule

March 3, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Elihu Harris State Building Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Agenda

Key Topics	Specific Issues to Consider
1. Scope of home health care services to be provided.	<p>What types of activities should be included as part of home health care services? Should chore/household (IADL) services be included? If so, should they be tied to the person also receiving medical and/or personal care services?</p> <p>Should protective supervision be available? Should continuous protective supervision be available?</p>
2. Who may provide services?	<p>What qualifications must a person have to provide home health care services? Who will enforce these requirements?</p> <p>Can family members provide home health care services, and if so, how many hours of home care services provided by family members should be covered?</p> <p>Should family members be allowed to provide 24/7 protective services, or should relief providers be required?</p> <p>Should family members be required to receive training to qualify to provide home health care services? How would this be enforced?</p> <p>Should home health care providers be required to be employed by a home health care agency?</p> <p>If family members and other independent home health care providers are allowed, who is the “employer” of those providers for purposes of workers’ compensation and other work-related liability issues?</p> <p>Should family members or other individuals providing care be required to be employed by a home health care agency?</p> <p>Should home health care agencies providing home health care services be required to be Medicare certified?</p>

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<p>3. How will the level or type(s) of home health care services to be provided be determined?</p>	<p>Who is eligible to receive home health care services?</p> <p>What information should be included in a doctor's recommendation for home health care services?</p> <p>Who should perform an assessment of needs? Should that assessment be independent? How will the person conducting the assessment be selected?</p> <p>How should the assessment be performed? Should there be standardized observation and analysis? What assessment tools should be used? When and how often should needs assessments be performed and repeated?</p> <p>What assessment tools do California home health care agencies and/or insurers currently use to evaluate the need for home health care services, both medical and non-medical?</p>
<p>4. Payment rates for home health care services.</p>	<p>Does the IHSS pay scale (\$8-11/hr.) provide sufficient pay to compensate home health care agency employees?</p> <p>If continuous protective supervision is to be provided by family members, should that be compensated at a different (lower) rate?</p> <p>Medicare only provides for medical services and only for a 60-day episode of care. IHSS does not even have payment codes and provides for compensation on a straight hourly basis. What coding system and payment rates should be used to compensate home health care agencies providing home health care services, including both medical and non-medical home health care services of more than 60 days' duration?</p>