HOME VISIT AUDIT CHECKLIST





The checklist below details performance expectations that will be reviewed for evidence of compliance during your ACHC Home Health Accreditation survey. To prepare for your survey, use this checklist as you observe clinicians performing home visits with patients. This form can help you determine if your organization is in compliance with applicable standards. For any areas found to be out of compliance, it is recommended that an internal Plan of Correction be implemented and results monitored for compliance.

Staff Name and Title:			Date:		
Supervisor:					
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Performance Expectations	Met	Not Met	Comments		
Infection Control					
During a home visit, the clinician:					
Follows standard precautions based on care provided (wound care, Foley catheter care, etc.).					
Uses appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).					
Follows proper handwashing practices per agency policy, including procedure, supplies, and intervals.					
Follows proper bag technique practices per agency policy, including use of surface barriers, clean/dirty areas, and maintenance and cleaning of equipment and bag within the home and car.					
Ensures hazardous waste is accepted, transported, and disposed of properly.					
Patient Rights					
Clinician honors patient rights by ensuring the patient has the right to:					
Have their property and person treated with respect, consideration, and recognition of patient dignity and individuality.					
Exercise their rights as a patient of the agency, or the patient's family/legal representative may exercise the patient's rights when the patient has been judged incompetent.					



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Performance Expectations	Met	Not Met	Comments		
Be able to identify visiting personnel members through agency-generated photo identification.					
Choose a healthcare provider, including an attending physician.					
Receive appropriate care/service without discrimination, in accordance with physician's orders.					
Be informed of any financial benefits when referred to a home health agency.					
Be fully informed of their responsibilities.					
Be free of mistreatment, neglect, or verbal, mental, sexual, and physical abuse, including injuries of unknown source and misappropriation of patient's property, with the right to report and have any allegation investigated.					
Care Provided					
Clinician ensures that care provided to patients is performed:					
In accordance with patient's plan of care.					
With patient's/patient representative's involvement in any changes to the plan of care.					
In accordance with scope of practice, agency policies and procedures, and/or job description.					
With respect to various cultural backgrounds, beliefs, and religions.					
With respect to communication or language barriers.					
With medication reconciliation performed.					
Documentation/Information Received in Writing					
Clinician ensures that the following is documented as being received in writing by the patient or their representative:					
Services covered under the Medicare home health benefit, scope of services that the HHA will provide; specific limitations on services, current charges, including payment for care/service expected from third parties; and any charges the patient is responsible for.					

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Agency's process for receiving, investigating, and resolving complaints about services, including:			
Administrator's name, business address, and business phone number.			
State's toll-free hotline telephone number(s), contact information,			
hours of operations. ACHC's telephone number			
Patient Rights and Responsibilities statement. Must be understandable to patients/patient representatives who have limited English proficiency and accessible to individuals with disabilities.			
Information on advance directives and the agency's policies on resuscitation, medical emergencies, accessing 911 services (EMS), transfers, and discharges.			
Confidentiality/privacy practices and policies to include Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) privacy notice for all whose patient information is included in OASIS data collection.			
Written instructions outlining the following:	ı	ı	
Visit schedule, including frequency of visits.			
Patient medication schedule and instructions.			
 Any treatments to be administered by agency personnel/contractors, including therapy services. 			
 Any other pertinent instructions related to patient's care and treatments. 			
Name and contact information of the agency's clinical manager.			
Patient education related to treatment, disease, and medication management, as appropriate.			
Safety and infection control education materials.			
Emergency preparedness education materials.			

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Potential Patient Interview Questions					
Clinician ensures that the patient is aware of and has the ability to answer the following types of questions:					
Did you receive information about services covered under the agency, the scope of services the agency will provide, and specific limitations on those services?					
How did the agency inform you of your patient rights?					
Did you receive information on advance directives?					
Were you informed of your financial responsibilities at the start of care/service or when changes occurred?					
Have you received education on disease management as appropriate to the care/service being provided?					
Are you aware of the proper use, safety hazards, and infection control issues related to the use and maintenance of any equipment and care/services provided?					
What safety training/education have you received?					
Did you participate in, and have you been instructed on your plan of care?					
How would you notify the agency of problems, concerns, and complaints?					
Were you provided information on emergency preparedness?					