

ACTION BRIEF:

§ 483.30 Physician Services

HIGHLIGHTS: Overview of Requirements

- **Intent and Purpose:** This section states that a physician must supervise and manage all aspects of resident care, even if delegating certain tasks.
- The section 483.30 specifies that
 - Qualified health professionals within their scope of practice may provide orders, under physician supervision, for the resident's immediate care and needs.
 - Physician assistants, nurse practitioners, or clinical nurse specialists can write orders for the resident's immediate care.
 - Qualified dietitians or other clinically qualified nutrition professionals can write dietary orders if the resident's attending physician delegates this authority to them.
 - Qualified therapists (i.e., PT, OT, or SP) can write orders for rehabilitation services if the resident's attending physician delegates this authority to them.
 - Physician visits must occur at least once every 30 days for the first 90 days after admission and at least once every 60 days thereafter, and physicians must be available for emergency care 24 hours a day.

REVIEW & ACTION: Implementation Strategies and Tips

Phase I – by November 28, 2016

All components of the section 483.30 are to be implemented in Phase 1.

- Provide education to physicians, dietitians and other nutritional professionals, and therapists, on the new requirement that enables attending physicians to delegate task of writing orders, in accordance with State law.
- Review and ensure that qualified dietitians or other nutritional professionals, and therapists are acting in within State's scope of practice laws and under physician supervision when writing dietary or therapy orders, respectively.
- Develop policies and procedures to ensure continuum of physician supervision of those qualified individuals writing dietary or therapy orders when physician co-signature is not required by State law on dietary or therapy orders.

Guidance Updates – by October 24, 2022

- F712-Physician Visits-Frequency/ Timeliness/Alternate NPPs-Updated the authority for non-physician practitioners to perform visits, sign orders, and sign Medicare part A certifications and recertifications when permitted by the State. CMS also updated the existing example of level 2 non-compliance.
 - ✓ Examine existing policy and/or process related to physician and non-physician practitioners to ensure visits, signing of orders, and signing Medicare Part A certifications and recertifications are conducted according to regulation/State law.

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RESOURCES: Additional Materials to Help You

- Transitions of Care in the Long-Term Care Continuum ([Free Electronic Copy](#))