

Home Evaluations
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Regulatory

- "The Conditions for Coverage require an initial home visit when a patient starts home dialysis and when problems are identified as part of monitoring the patients home adaptation. Home training staff are expected to conduct an onsite evaluation of the home hemodialysis patients water supply prior to selecting a water treatment system for home hemodialysis." (CMS Version 1.3)

What to Evaluate

- Type of housing (apt's, homes, shelters)
- Space available
- Electrical and plumbing hookups
- Distance from drains
- Accessibility for deliveries
- Storage space available
- Condition of home

Who Evaluates

- No one person's job
- Conditions for Coverage state "The RN who is qualified as the home training nurse is primarily responsible for training, oversight, and support of the home patients. Other staff members can support the home program and that would include occasionally making home visits" (CMS version 1.3)
- Often PCT or MSW accompanies RN

Who evaluates cont.

- Biomed- water hookups, electrical outlets
- RD- offers great insight on what food is in home and ability to cook



Challenges

- Meet the patient where they are
- Focus on treatment area and supply storage
- Look for opportunities to get home support services if applicable- MSW
- Goal is not to exclude
- Be creative and supportive!
- Not punitive

Additional Reasons for Visit

- Re-training
- Moved to new home
- Auditing use of home supplies and ordering
- Competency checks
- Assistance with equipment troubles
- Infections-peritonitis or vascular access

Example Visit #1

- Assisted living patient
- 1 room "apartment" with bathroom
- Cleared one wall for PD supplies
- Set up bi-weekly deliveries to cut down on space needed

Example Visit #2

- Homeless shelter
- Advocated for private room area
- Bi weekly deliveries to minimize space needed
- Coordination with shelter manager on deliveries
- Agreement with shelter to allow use of phone and fax for communication and flowsheets

There's no place like home!



References

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Version 1.3. *ESRD Conditions for Coverage Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)*
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Downloads/faqsep2009.pdf>
