

Accreditation for Home Health



Joint Commission-accredited home health providers can demonstrate an unmatched level of performance excellence. Can you?

According to a recent comparative analysis of the CMS Home Health Compare data set, Joint Commission-accredited home health providers perform statistically better on **nearly 70% of the CMS 5-Star Quality Ratings measures** making these agencies the ‘partner of choice’ for physicians, hospitals, health systems, ACOs and payers.

Benefits

- Better outcomes
- Fewer unplanned ER visits
- Fewer readmissions
- More timely start to care
- Better symptom management

Standards

Our requirements are developed and vetted by home health industry experts. They are the roadmap to building, or positively impacting, essential processes to achieve performance excellence. Key focus areas include:

- Hand-off communication
- Medication reconciliation
- Patient engagement and education

Onsite Survey Experience

Relevant, educative, actionable.

We begin with a collaborative meeting to learn how you envision your business to be run. Our experienced, solutions-oriented surveyors then assess standards compliance using the industry's first "patient tracer" process. Through this approach you can more clearly see the strengths and weaknesses of your processes in real time and under typical business conditions.

Throughout the process we proactively share best practices and provide hands-on learning opportunities. We conclude by providing your leadership team a thorough, objective assessment and practical strategies for ongoing performance improvement.

Product Options

In addition to accreditation, we offer specialty programs to fit the growing needs of our customers.

- **Community-Based Palliative Care (CBPC) Certification**

An optional certification for home health providers to promote better outcomes, build operational efficiencies and position for improved reimbursement or contract access.

- **Deemed Status Accreditation Surveys for Medicare Certification**

A special survey option that helps agencies achieve Medicare certification in addition to accreditation.

FEES

Accreditation fees average pennies per patient, per day. Fees are based on your patient volume and number of locations and are spread over the three-year accreditation cycle.

For more information, please call 630.792.5070 or email homecare@jointcommission.org.

