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**Title:** Remove Face-to-Face Interaction Requirement for Certification of Home Health Needs

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**House Action:** Adopted as Amended.

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Whereas, arranging and providing home health care is an important part in the care of patients that might help to prevent costly treatment options such as an emergency room visits or hospital admissions, and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires face-to-face interaction to certify such encounters, and

Whereas, the main focus of home health care is to provide care to patients who are not able to travel to a physician's office; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That our AMA work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove the requirement of face-to-face interaction to certify the need for home health care services so that patients who may not be able to present to the doctor's office because of severity of illness or short time interval between the discharge process and obtaining an appointment at a busy office could benefit from these services.

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