

## **Security's Medicare Advantage plans to require home health agencies to submit 1-time Notice of Admission for start of care**

Effective Jan. 1, 2022, Home Health Requests for Anticipated Payment (RAPs) will be eliminated and replaced by submission of a 1-time Notice of Admission (NOA) for all home health agencies (HHAs). HHAs must submit a NOA to their Medicare contractor within five calendar days from the start of care date. The NOA is a 1-time submission to establish the home health period of care and covers contiguous 30-day periods of care until the individual is discharged from Medicare home health services.

NOA submission criteria will require HHAs having a verbal or written order from the physician that contains the services required for the initial visit, and that the HHA has conducted an initial visit at the start of care. There will be a non-timely submission reduction in payment amount tied to any late submission of NOAs when the HHA does not submit the NOA within five calendar days from the start of care. If an HHA fails to submit a timely NOA, the reduction in payment amount will be equal to a 1/30th reduction to the wage-adjusted 30-day period payment amount for each day from the home health start of care date until the date the HHA submits the NOA.

For all patients receiving home health services in 2021 whose services will continue in 2022, HHAs should submit an NOA with a 1-time, artificial "admission" date corresponding to the "From" date of the first period of continuing care in 2022.

No low utilization payment adjustment (LUPA) per-visit payments will be made for visits that occurred on days that fall within the period of care prior to the submission of the NOA.

Please refer to the links below for Medicare's complete instructions for home health NOA claims submission.

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm12256.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10839CP.pdf>

Security Health Plan will be implementing these changes along with any other Medicare home health changes for all Medicare Advantage product lines effective Jan. 1, 2022.