

Subparagraph (i) of section 505.14(b)(3) is repealed and a new subparagraph (i) is added to read as follows:

(i) A physician's order must be completed on the form required by the department.

(a) The physician's order form must be completed by a physician licensed in accordance with Article 131 of the Education Law, a physician's assistant or a specialist's assistant registered in accordance with Article 131-B of the Education Law, or a nurse practitioner certified in accordance with Article 139 of the Education Law.

(1) Such medical professional must complete the physician's order form within 30 calendar days after he or she conducts a medical examination of the patient, and the physician's order form must be forwarded to a social services district or another entity in accordance with clause (c) of this subparagraph.

(2) Such medical professional must complete the physician's order form by accurately describing the patient's medical condition and regimens, including any medication regimens, and the patient's need for assistance with personal care services tasks and by providing only such other information as the physician's order form requires.

(3) Such medical professional must not recommend the number of hours of personal care services that the patient should be authorized to receive.

(b) A physician must sign the physician's order form

and certify that the patient can be cared for at home and that the information provided in the physician's order form accurately describes the patient's medical condition and regimens, including any medication regimens, and the patient's need for assistance with personal care services tasks, at the time of the medical examination.

(c) Within 30 calendar days after the medical examination of the patient, the physician, other medical professional, the patient or the patient's representative must forward a completed and signed copy of the physician's order form to the social services district for completion of the social assessment; however, when the social services district has delegated, pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section, the responsibility for completing the social assessment to another agency, the physician, other medical professional, the patient or the patient's representative must forward a completed and signed copy of the physician's order form to such other agency rather than to the social services district.

(d) When the social services district, or the district's designee pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section, is responsible for completing the social assessment but is not also responsible for completing the nursing assessment, the district or its designee must forward a completed and signed copy of the physician's order form to the person or agency responsible for completing the nursing assessment.

(e) The physician's order is subject to the provisions of Parts 515, 516, 517 and 518 of this Title. These Parts permit the department to impose monetary penalties on, or

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sanction and recover overpayments from, providers or prescribers of medical care, services, or supplies when medical care, services, or supplies that are unnecessary, improper or exceed patients' documented medical needs are provided or ordered.

Subclause (1) of section 505.14(b)(4)(i)(c) is repealed and subclauses (2) and (3) of such section are renumbered as subclauses (1) and (2), respectively.

Subparagraph (ii) of section 505.14(g)(3) is amended to read as follows:

(ii) informing the patient or the patient's representative that a physician's order is needed, making copies of the physician's order form available to hospital discharge planners, physicians, and other appropriate persons or entities, and assisting the patient to obtain a physician's order when the patient or the patient's representative is unable to obtain the order.