

424.37 Evidence of authority to sign on behalf of the beneficiary.

(a) Beneficiary incapable. When a party specified in § 424.36(b) signs a claim or request for payment statement, he or she must also submit a brief statement that -

(1) Describes his or her relationship to the beneficiary; and

(2) Explains the circumstances that make it impractical for the beneficiary to sign the claim or statement.

(b) Beneficiary not present for services. When a representative of the provider, nonparticipating hospital, or supplier signs a claim or request for payment statement under § 424.36(c), he or she must explain why it was not possible to obtain the beneficiary's signature. (For example: "Patient not physically present for test.")