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§418.54 Condition of participation: Initial and Comprehensive assessment of the patient

The hospice must conduct and document in writing a patient-specific comprehensive assessment that identifies the patient's need for hospice care and services, and the patient's need for physical, psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual care. This assessment includes all areas of hospice care related to the palliation and management of the terminal illness and related conditions.

Interpretive Guidelines §418.54

The comprehensive patient assessment must accurately reflect the patient's current health status and include information to establish and monitor a plan of care. Hospices are not required to use specific forms or formats to document their initial or comprehensive assessments. They may choose to document patient specific comprehensive assessments

in either written or electronic format provided the assessments are complete, readily identifiable, and available in the patient's clinical record.
