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§484.60(a)(3) All patient care orders, including verbal orders, must be recorded in the plan of care.

Interpretive Guidelines §484.60(a)(3)

All patient care orders, including verbal orders are part of the plan of care. *The plan of care may include orders for treatment or services received from physicians other than the responsible physician.* The plan should be revised to reflect any verbal order received during the 60-day certification period so that all HHA staff are working from a current plan. It is not necessary for the physician *or allowed practitioner* to sign an updated plan of care until the patient is recertified to continue care and the plan of care is updated to reflect all current ongoing orders including any verbal orders received during the 60-day period.

NOTE: Pulse oximetry is a ubiquitous assessment tool, often used as a part of routine vital signs across health care providers. Routine monitoring of vital signs, including pulse oximetry, do not require a physician order.