

***§484.80(h) Standard: Supervision of home health aides.***

***(1)(i) If home health aide services are provided to a patient who is receiving skilled nursing, physical or occupational therapy, or speech language pathology services—***

***(A) A registered nurse or other appropriate skilled professional who is familiar with the patient, the patient's plan of care, and the written patient care instructions described in paragraph (g) of this section, must complete a supervisory assessment of the aide services being provided no less frequently than every 14 days; and***

***(B) The home health aide does not need to be present during the supervisory assessment described in paragraph (h)(1)(i)(A) of this section.***

***Interpretive Guidelines §484.80(h)(1)(i)***

***An occupational therapist may conduct a home health initial assessment visit and complete a comprehensive assessment under the Medicare program, but only when occupational therapy is on the home health plan of care, with either physical therapy or speech therapy, and when skilled nursing services are not initially in the plan of care (86 FR 62242).***