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§484.60(d) Standard: Coordination of Care. The HHA must:

(1) Assure communication with all physicians *or allowed practitioners* involved in the plan of care.

Interpretive Guidelines §484.60(d)(1)

The physician *or allowed practitioner* who initiated home health care is responsible for the ongoing plan of care; however, to assure the development and implementation of a coordinated plan of care, HHA communication with all physicians *or allowed practitioner* involved in the patient's care is often necessary. While a patient may see several physicians *or allowed practitioner(s)* for various medical problems, not all the physicians *or allowed practitioner(s)* would necessarily be involved in the skilled services defined in the patient's home health plan of care. *Regarding* this requirement, "physicians *or allowed practitioners* involved in the plan of care" means those physicians *or allowed practitioners* who give orders that are directly related to home health skilled services.