

HOME-BASED PALLIATIVE CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING RECOMMENDATIONS Updated March, 2021

- Program certification from one of the following:
 - The Joint Commission Community-based Palliative Care Certification Program
 - ACHC Distinction in Palliative Care
 - CHAP Palliative Care Certification

-- or -- Documented evidence of the following competencies:

- Interdisciplinary team that includes representation from at least two of the following disciplines, with representation from those disciplines having achieved specialty certification in palliative care or documentation of [specific competencies in palliative care](#), preferably with a goal of working towards certification:
 - Physician (MD or DO)
 - Advanced practice nurse/Nurse practitioner
 - Nursing (RN or LPN)
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker
NB: Medicaid-serving programs should require a social worker on the team
 - Spiritual care professional.
- At least one prescriber on the team must have specialty certification in palliative care. For physicians, the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) can be used.
- Reliable access to other services when needed, such as pharmacist, community health workers, physical therapist, personal care services, etc.; linkage agreements are acceptable documentation.
- If any team members are not specialty-certified, a training policy and education requirements for each team member must be submitted; requirements may be based on the [Center to Advance Palliative Care \(CAPC\) training recommendations](#).
- 24/7 access to a trained clinician, with access to the patients' medical records, to provide meaningful clinical support during crises.
- Demonstrated capability to conduct a comprehensive assessment to include, at minimum:
 - Pain and symptom distress
 - Functional status
 - Cognitive status
 - Caregiver burden
 - Social needs, including (but not limited to) financial vulnerability, housing, transportation, nutrition, and safety.Assessment capabilities can be demonstrated by submission of de-identified initial assessment documents for past patients.

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