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# Global Commitment Register

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CLARIFICATION

## **\*\*COVID-19 Emergency Response\*\***

[Please see the Department of Vermont Health Access COVID-19 site for important information](#)

## **Home Health Services – Ordering Providers**

### **Policy Summary:**

As part of the response to the [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), Vermont Medicaid is taking steps to ensure Vermonters have access to necessary care and that health care professionals can deliver that care in a safe and timely way. To this end, the following flexibilities are being instituted for home health services.

Physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists may now order home health services in addition to physicians.

This change applies to the following services provided by a home health agency:

- Part time or intermittent nursing services,
- Home health aide services,
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech language pathology services, and
- Durable medical equipment

This is a permanent change that is not limited to the duration of the public health emergency.

### **Effective Date:**

March 1, 2020

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

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