

ARTICLE VI PART E: PROGRESS NOTES

The attending provider of record or the covering provider shall be required to make daily face-to-face rounds on their hospitalized patients, followed by the documentation of their observation in a progress note.

Progress notes must be documented no less than daily, and must be documented on the day of the encounter, with the following limited exceptions:

(1) Patients who meet discharge criteria, who remain in the hospital other than due to medical necessity, when progress notes and face-to-face visits must be documented at least every other day. 11

(2) Patients in the ~~Extended Care~~ Discharge Ready Unit who are awaiting discharge must have documented progress notes and face-to-face visits at least every seven days

(3) Patients in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation unit (PMR) also known as the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) by CMS and in accordance with CMS guidelines, the rehabilitation physician must conduct face-to-face visits with the patient and have documented progress notes at least three days per week throughout the patient's stay in the PMR/IRF to assess the patient both medically and functionally, as well as to modify the course of treatment as needed to maximize the patient's capacity to benefit from the rehabilitation process.