



# Technical Bulletin



**Topic:** Assembly Bill 147 – State Law Allows Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to order home health care for a patient.  
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**To:** Home Health Care Agencies

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The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the affected health care providers and the public of recently adopted statutes.

Assembly Bill 147 of the 2019 legislative session amends NRS 630.271 to allow a physician assistant licensed pursuant to NRS Chapter 630 and amends NRS 632.237 to allow an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to NRS Chapter 632 to order home health care for a patient. This law took effect July 1, 2019.

If your home health agency is certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) please note the following Codes of Federal Regulations (CFR) still apply to your agency:

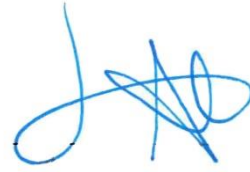
- CFR §484.60(b)(1) — Drugs, services, and treatments are administered only as ordered by a physician.
- CFR §484.60(a)(1) — Each patient must receive the home health services that are written in an individualized plan of care that identifies patient-specific measurable outcomes and goals, and which is established, periodically reviewed, and signed by a doctor-of-medicine, osteopathy, or podiatry acting within the scope of his or her state license, certification, or registration. If a physician refers a patient under a plan of care that cannot be completed until after an evaluation visit, the physician is consulted to approve additions or modifications to the original plan.
- CFR §484.60(d)(1) — Assure communication with all physicians involved in the plan of care.

[Visit the Nevada Legislature AB 147 web page to review the full bill language](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/AB/AB147_EN.pdf), or type [https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/AB/AB147\\_EN.pdf](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/AB/AB147_EN.pdf) into your web browser.

To review federal regulations governing home health agencies, [visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, State Operations Manual, Appendix B – Guidance to Surveyors: Home Health Agencies](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_b_hha.pdf) or type [https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap\\_b\\_hha.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_b_hha.pdf) into your web browser.



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