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Physician documentation practices that work in other areas just won't cut it for the home health face-to-face requirement. So illustrates a newly updated tool from contractor NHIC.

"It is not acceptable for a physician partner of the certifying physician to sign a face-to-face encounter document for the partner while the certifying physician is out of town or otherwise unavailable," NHIC stresses in the educational article on its website. "The face-to-face must be signed and dated by the certifying physician."

The article, which includes pointers and examples of acceptable F2F forms and documentation, is at www.medicarenhic.com/providers/articles/HHFacetoFaceRev022813.pdf.