

## OASIS Alert

### Education: One Visit Or Two? The Wrong Answer May Cost You An Episode Payment

**Question:** When you make a skilled nursing visit to start an IV and then return three hours later to stop it, is this considered one visit or two?

**Answer:** This scenario can be considered two visits if you meet these two criteria--the service could not be performed in one visit and there was at least a two-hour break between the start and the stop of the IV, says fiscal intermediary **Palmetto GBA**.

Refer to the Palmetto GBA Home Health Training Manual, Section 6.1.1.5.2, the FI suggests.

**Why it matters:** If you don't understand this distinction, you could be billing unnecessary low utilization payment adjusted episodes (LUPAs) and losing money on each one.