

Home Health Care Guide

Chapter 4

Why Accreditations are Important

There are three major accrediting companies that service the Medicare Certified home health care industry. These companies are The Joint Commission, Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), and Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC). The importance of these three accreditations is showing the patients the additional focus on patient care that agencies place in order to earn these accreditations. Only the highest quality of Medicare Certified home health care companies is able to earn such honors.

Home Health Care Accreditation Types

- **The Joint Commission**
[The Joint Commission](#) was established in 1961 and evaluates and accredits more than 16,000 health care organizations. The Joint Commission focuses on improving the quality of care and safety provided by health care organizations.
- **CHAP**
[The Community Health Accreditation Program](#) was established in 1965 and their goal is to objectively validate the excellence of community health care practice through consistent measurement of the delivery of quality services.
- **ACHC**
[The Accreditation Commission for Health Care](#) was established in 1985 and their goal is to support healthcare organizations and providers in optimizing wellness through standards that promote the effective, efficient delivery of quality services and products.

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