

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES  
REGULATION INTERPRETATION  
BUREAU OF CHILD CARE AND HEALTH FACILITIES

KAR 28-51-105(b)

**SUBJECT:** Initial evaluation.

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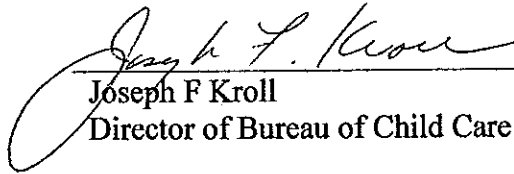
**INTERPRETATION:** KAR 28-51-105(b) requires a registered nurse to complete an initial evaluation of each home health patient. To coincide with federal home health guidelines, CFR 484.30(a), registered nurse evaluations are not required when only therapy services are ordered. To be compliant with initial evaluation requirements, home health agencies should incorporate the following into agency policies and procedures:

A registered nurse will make the initial evaluation visit except in those circumstances where the physician has ordered only therapy services. If the physician orders only therapy services, the appropriate therapist may perform the initial evaluation visit.

Surveyors will determine compliance not only with the regulation, but also with agency policies.



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