

# CHAP

The home health agency state law CS/HB 7083 went into effect on July 1, 2008. The law requires applications for new home health licenses (initial and changes of ownership) must include documentation of accreditation. In attempts to meet the needs of the home health agencies in the state of Florida, CHAP has developed the following accreditation process:

## **Two Step Accreditation Process Assist New Florida Providers**

CHAP leads the home care industry in improving quality of care. By combining a quality accreditation program with deemed status and a strong national presence, CHAP accreditation is a valuable asset to today's home care agency. It will bring your organization recognition for quality care and a reputation for caring about people.

### **Save time and money by becoming CHAP Accredited and Medicare-Certified in two steps**

First:

- Submit application, signed contracts, and fees
- Prepare for an initial unannounced site visit
- Receive an initial site visit within 60-90 days following submission of contracts, descriptive profiles and CORE Self Study (no patients required)

You'll be notified of accreditation status by the CHAP Board of Review within 30 days of the initial site visit.

Second:

- Organization receives Home Health License from Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)
- Submits to CHAP copy of Medicare 855 approval letter and successful OASIS transmission
- Completes the full "Self Study for Home Care Organizations" within two (2) months of initial site visit
- Receive a focused clinical site visit following submission of completed Self Study (active patients required)

You'll be notified of determination by the CHAP Board of Review within 60 days of the focused clinical site visit

Next:

- CHAP forwards CMS Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction form to CMS central office, CMS regional office and the applicable state agency
- Agency receives Medicare provider number from appropriate CMS region

**CHAP is devoted to providing accreditation services of the highest caliber.**

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