



01 Therapy Prior Level Of Function

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Purpose:

To guide therapists on what to document in the Prior Level of Function (PLOF) section in HCHB. This is to ensure that PLOF documentation supports and relates to goal development for a restorative or maintenance patient.

Question Intent:

In the text box, therapists will document functional tasks to capture the specific PLOF that should be addressed with corresponding goals in the plan of care, which are specific to their discipline. These tasks should also relate to focus items for Value Based Purchasing measures.

Response – Specific Instructions:

PLOF must be specific and documented for each goal that the discipline is addressing to establish medical necessity. Include time frame if applicable to help establish medical necessity as well.

PT EXAMPLE:

HEALTH HISTORY
DESCRIBE THE PATIENT'S PRIOR LEVEL OF FUNCTION COMPARED TO CURRENT IMPAIRMENTS/DEFICITS.
PRIOR TO RECENT HOSPITALIZATION, PATIENT WAS INDEPENDENT WITH AMBULATION USING SC IN THE HOME, INDEPENDENT WITH RW ON UNEVEN SURFACES, INDEPENDENT WITH SIT TO STAND AND AUTO TRANSFERS AND HAS HAD NO RECENT FALLS.

OT EXAMPLE:

HEALTH HISTORY
DESCRIBE THE PATIENT'S PRIOR LEVEL OF FUNCTION COMPARED TO CURRENT IMPAIRMENTS/DEFICITS.
PATIENT REPORTS REQUIRING SBA FOR SEVERAL ADLS, INCLUDING UPPER BODY DRESSING, LOWER BODY DRESSING, GROOMING, AND TOILETING HYGIENE. PATIENT REPORTS ASSISTANCE AT ALL TIMES FROM SPOUSE WHEN BATHING IN SHOWER WITH SHOWER BENCH.

ST EXAMPLE:

HEALTH HISTORY
DESCRIBE THE PATIENT'S PRIOR LEVEL OF FUNCTION COMPARED TO CURRENT IMPAIRMENTS/DEFICITS.
PRIOR TO RECENT DIAGNOSIS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE, PATIENT TOLERATED REGULAR DIET AND THIN LIQUIDS WITHOUT OVERT SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF ASPIRATION.

RESOURCES: LCDs-Home Health Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy

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