

For medical review purposes, Medicare requires that the person(s) responsible for the care of the beneficiary, including providing/ordering/certifying items/services for the beneficiary, be identifiable as such in accordance with Medicare billing and coverage policies. Signatures are required upon medical review for two distinct purposes:

1. To satisfy specific signature requirements in statute, regulation, national coverage determination (NCD) or local coverage determination (LCD); and
2. To resolve authenticity concerns related to legitimacy or falsity of the documentation.

For complete CMS requirements, see CMS Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-08, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.2.4.

This attestation form is provided as a courtesy for providers to refer to and/or use. This is not a required form. Providers may develop their own attestation form, if desired.

Beneficiary Information	
Date of Birth	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)
Attestation Statement	
<p>I, _____ (print full name of physician/practitioner), hereby attest that the medical record entry for _____ [date(s) of service/visit/progress note] accurately reflects signature/notations that I made in my capacity as a(n) _____ (the author's credentials, e.g. MD) when I treated/diagnosed the above listed Medicare beneficiary. I do hereby attest that this information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any falsification, omission or concealment of material fact may subject me to administrative, civil or criminal liability.</p>	
Signature of Medical Record Auditor	Date

In order to be considered valid for Medicare medical review purposes, an attestation statement must be signed and dated by the author of the medical record entry. Reviewers will not consider attestation statements where there is no associated medical record entry or someone other than the author (even a partner in the same group practice) of the medical record entry in question signs this statement. Reviewers shall NOT consider attestation statements from someone other than the author of the medical record entry in question (even in cases where two individuals are in the same group, one should not sign for the other in medical record entries or attestation statements).