

Medicare requires that services be authenticated by the persons responsible for the care of the beneficiary. The treating physician's/non-physician practitioner's (NPP's) signature on a note indicates that the physician/NPP affirms the note adequately documents the care provided. If the signature is illegible, MACs, UPICs, SMRC, and CERT shall consider evidence in a signature log, attestation statement, or other documentation submitted to determine the identity of the author of a medical record entry. If the signature is missing from any other medical documentation (other than an order), MACs, SMRC, and CERT shall accept a signature attestation from the author of the medical record entry. Providers should not add late signatures to the medical record, (beyond the short delay that occurs during the transcription process) but instead should make use of the signature authentication process. Note: Contractors cannot request or accept an attestation for a late signature for an order that is not signed. For complete CMS requirements, see to 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	
Beneficiary Name	
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 Author	Date of Signature

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).