



# **Section 12006 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act: Electronic Visit Verification Systems**

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# Overview of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act

- The CURES Act is designed to improve the quality of care provided to individuals through further research, enhance quality control, and strengthen mental health parity.
- Section 12006 of the CURES Act requires states to implement an electronic visit verification (EVV) system for Personal Care Services (PCS) by Jan. 1, 2019 & for Home Health Services (HHCS) by Jan. 1, 2023.

SOURCE: CMS (2017) Section 12006 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act Session 1: Requirements, Implementation, Considerations, and State Survey Results [PowerPoint Slides]. Retrieved from <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/downloads/training/evv-presentation-part-1.pdf>.

# What is EVV?

- **EVV is a method used to verify visit activity for services delivered as a part of home and community based service (HCBS) programs.**
- **EVV offers a measure of accountability to help ensure that individuals who are authorized to receive services, receive them.**

# EVV Requirements

- EVV Systems **MUST** verify:
  - **Date** of Service
  - **Location** of service delivery
  - **Individual providing** service
  - **Type** of service performed
  - **Individual receiving** service
  - **Time** service begins and ends

# Services to be included in EW

- **Phase 1—Target Jan. 1, 2019**
  - **1905(a)(24) State Plan Personal Care Services benefit**
  - **1915(c) HCBS Waivers**
  - **1915(i) HCBS State Plan Option**
  - **1915(j) Self-directed Personal Attendant Care Services**
  - **1915(k) Community First Choice State Plan Option**
  - **1115 Demonstration Waiver**
- **Phase 2—Target Jan. 1, 2023**
  - **1905(a)(7) State Plan Home Health Services**
  - **Home Health Services authorized under a waiver of the plan**

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# Potential Benefits of EW

- **Improve program efficiencies by:**
  - Eliminating the need for paper documents to verify services.
  - Facilitating the flexibility for appointments and services.
- **Strengthen quality assurance for PCS and HHCS by:**
  - Improving health and welfare of individuals by validating delivery of services.

# Potential Benefits of EW

- **Aims to reduce potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse by:**
  - Validating that services are billed appropriately according to the individual's personalized care plan by ensuring appropriate payment is based on actual service delivery.
  - Being a part of the pre-payment validation methods that allows individuals and families to verify services rendered.

# **EVV's Impact on Beneficiaries**

- **No significant disruption of services to beneficiaries.**
- **Beneficiaries will be able to keep current providers and caregivers provided they comply with the EVV requirement.**
- **An EVV system does NOT change the services provided, the provider selection, constrain the individual's choice of caregiver, or impede the way care is delivered.**
- **EVV will be a valuable tool in managing the accuracy and reporting of all services.**



# For Further Information

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