

American Physical Therapy Association and after January 1, 2010, meets the requirements of paragraph (h)(1) of this section.

(3) Before January 1, 2008, where licensure or other regulation does not apply, graduated from a 2-year college level program approved by the American Physical Therapy Association.

(4) On or before December 31, 1977, was licensed or qualified as a physical therapist assistant and has achieved a satisfactory grade on a proficiency examination conducted, approved, or sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service.

(j) *Standard: Physician.* A person who meets the qualifications and conditions specified in section 1861(r) of the Act and implemented at § 410.20(b) of this chapter.

(k) *Standard: Registered nurse.* A graduate of an approved school of professional nursing who is licensed in the state where practicing.

(l) *Standard: Social Work Assistant.* A person who provides services under the supervision of a qualified social worker and:

(1) Has a baccalaureate degree in social work, psychology, sociology, or other field related to social work, and has had at least 1 year of social work experience in a health care setting; or

(2) Has 2 years of appropriate experience as a social work assistant, and has achieved a satisfactory grade on a proficiency examination conducted, approved, or sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service, except that the determinations of proficiency do not apply with respect to persons initially licensed by a state or seeking initial qualification as a social work assistant after December 31, 1977.

(m) *Standard: Social worker.* A person who has a master's or doctoral degree from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, and has 1 year of social work experience in a health care setting.

(n) *Standard: Speech-language pathologist.* A person who has a master's or doctoral degree in speech-language pathology, and who meets either of the following requirements:

(1) Is licensed as a speech-language pathologist by the state in which the individual furnishes such services; or

(2) In the case of an individual who furnishes services in a state which does not license speech-language pathologists:

(i) Has successfully completed 350 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum (or is in the process of accumulating supervised clinical experience);

(ii) Performed not less than 9 months of supervised full-time speech-language pathology services after obtaining a master's or doctoral degree in speech-language pathology or a related field; and

(iii) Successfully completed a national examination in speech-language pathology approved by the Secretary.

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#### Subpart D [Reserved]

#### Subpart E—Prospective Payment System for Home Health Agencies

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##### § 484.200 Basis and scope.

(a) *Basis.* This subpart implements section 1895 of the Act, which provides for the implementation of a prospective payment system (PPS) for HHAs for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on or after October 1, 2000.

(b) *Scope.* This subpart sets forth the framework for the HHA PPS, including the methodology used for the development of the payment rates, associated adjustments, and related rules.

##### § 484.202 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

*Case-mix index* means a scale that measures the relative difference in resource intensity among different groups in the clinical model.

*Discipline* means one of the six home health disciplines covered under the Medicare home health benefit (skilled nursing services, home health aide services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, speech-language pathology services, and medical social services).