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**From:** Illinois Department of Public Health

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**Subject:** 245.1 ER – Expired 6/19/21

## **Reinstatement of Regulatory Supervisory Visits by Agency Personnel (Home Health, Home Services and Home Nursing)**

The emergency amendments to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 245 that suspended requirements that a registered nurse or home services supervisor conduct in-person supervisory visits to a patient's or client's residence expired on 6/19/21. Beginning 6/20/21, all registered nurse supervisory visits and home services supervisory visits are required as per Section 245.40(b)(3) and (b)(4), and agency supervisory visits are required under Section 245.40(c)(6)(B) to observe the care and services provided as per the home health aide's plan of care and or home service worker's service plan must be conducted via in-person and not electronic or telephonic means.

Pursuant to the regulations –“The purpose of the supervisory visits is to assess relationships and determine that the aide/home service worker furnishes care in a safe and effective manner by following the patient's plan/ client's service plan, demonstrating competency with assigned tasks, complying with infection prevention and control policies and procedures, reporting changes in the patient's condition, honoring the patient's rights, and maintaining open communication.”

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