



Client Name	
PHIN	
Date of Birth	
Primary Care Provider	

Initiation of Vitamin B12 Via Intramuscular Injection for Home Care Client

Health Care Provider: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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Due to evidence-based research supporting the use of high dose oral Vitamin B12 to treat Vitamin B12 deficiency; Home Care Nurses no longer routinely administer Vitamin B12 via injection.

For Clients to receive Vitamin B12 via injection, please select one of the following criteria:

	Client has trialed a high dose of oral Vitamin B12 and trial did not produce the desired therapeutic outcome.
	Client is unable to take oral Vitamin B12 based on client’s inability to take any medications via oral route.
	Client is homebound, bedridden and cannot get out to medical appointments.

Evidence based research also recommends that after the diagnosis of Vitamin B12 Deficiency is made and the Health Care Provider has initiated the treatment plan, follow up by the Health Care Provider is important in determining the client’s response to the therapy regimen.

In mild Vitamin B12 deficiency, it is recommended that serum Vitamin B12, homocysteine and methylmalonic acid levels be measured every two to three months after initiation of therapy.

	Yes, I will monitor the client every 2-3 months with testing of the serum Vitamin B12, homocysteine and methylmalonic acid levels.
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Documented Initiation of Vitamin B12 is filed in the Client Health Record

Health Care Provider Response/Orders	
Signature _____	Date _____