Physician Involvement in Medicare Home Care

Medicare is the largest payor for home health nursing services in the United States. Since its inception in 1965, Medicare has acknowledged that physician involvement was and is critical. This is consistent with state regulation of home health nursing services as well. The Plan of Care is our common planning and measurement tool.

Medicare Support for Physician Involvement

Medicare recognizes and reimburses for physician involvement at three points

- Care Plan Certification: physician approval of the initial Plan of Care
- Care Plan Re-Certification: physician approval of a continuing Plan of Care
- Care Plan Oversight (CPO): day-to-day involvement of the physician in reviewing and revising the Plan of Care to secure the best outcome and care. Reimbursable for more than 30 minutes per month of involvement.

The reimbursement rates are as follows:

- Care Plan Certification (G0180): xxxx
- Care Plan Re-Certification (G0179): xxxx
- Care Plan Oversight (G0181): xxxx

Total per 60-day episode of care: xxxx

Interim HealthCare® Support of Physician Involvement

Makes home care easy to use for physicians and office staff

- Customized Protocols
- Communication

Helps physicians realize the available reimbursement for their involvement

- Medicare home care patient list
- Care Plan Oversight time and activity log
- Implementation guide and standards

Employs specialized programs to meet specific needs

- InterPath® Orthopedic Solutions
- InterPath Living with Heart Failure at home
- SureSteps (Fall Prevention)
- Alzheimer's & Dementia

Provides good home care services

- Achieve goals with good outcomes
- Patient satisfaction
- Patient and family acceptance of home care

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“Date of Service” Date MD signed POC (Plan of Care) or first and last dates of CPO

“Type of Service” 01

CPT Code G0180 or G0179 (re-certification) G0181 Care Plan oversight

“Modifier.” None necessary

Use “Diagnosis” found on 485 Plan of Care

“Charge” See Reverse

Home Health Agency’s provider number

Place of Service: Office 11

Do not bill with any other Service