Hospice Payment Methodology

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Agenda

- **Tiered payments for Routine Home Care**

    - **Rates**

    - **Claims processing**

    - **Service Intensity Add-on**

    - **HCPCS**

    - **EOB Codes**

Tiered Payments for Routine Home Care

- Two-Tiered Methodology for Hospice Claims

  - Effective January 1, 2016

  - Claims for procedure code T2042

  - Based on days of care

Daily Rates

Procedure Code	Days of Care	Daily Rate
T2042	Routine Home Care – days 1-60	$247.18
T2042	Routine Home Care – days 61+	$194.13

Days of Care

- Calculated as claims are processed

- Claims could pay for non- consecutive days – Example below
  - Claim paid at the higher rate for the month of January (31 units)
  - Claim for February dates of service denies for incorrect billing
  - Claim for March dates of service is processed, prior to the corrected February claim submission
  - March claim could pay at higher rate for the remaining 29 units available
  - When February claim resubmitted, it will pay at lower rate as the 60 days have been exhausted

- If patient elects to leave hospice care for a minimum of 60 days, and a subsequent period of hospice care is then re-elected, the counter restarts, and days 1-60 are paid at the higher rate

Service Intensity Add-On Payment

- **Service Intensity Add - On Payment is available when:**

  - **Visit is made by social worker or registered nurse (RN) in the last seven days of life not including date of death**

    - **RI Medicaid does not pay for the date of discharge/death**

  - **It is an add-on payment to the T2042 routine home care rate**

HCPCS

- The Service Intensity Add-On Payments are billed in 15-minute units

- $15.30 per unit

- Not to exceed 16 units per day (4 hours) and only during the last 7 days of life not including date of death (RI Medicaid does not pay for the date of discharge/death)

Visit Description	HCPCS
Clinical Social Worker-Hospice Setting	G0155
Skilled Nursing RN Visit-Hospice Setting	G0299

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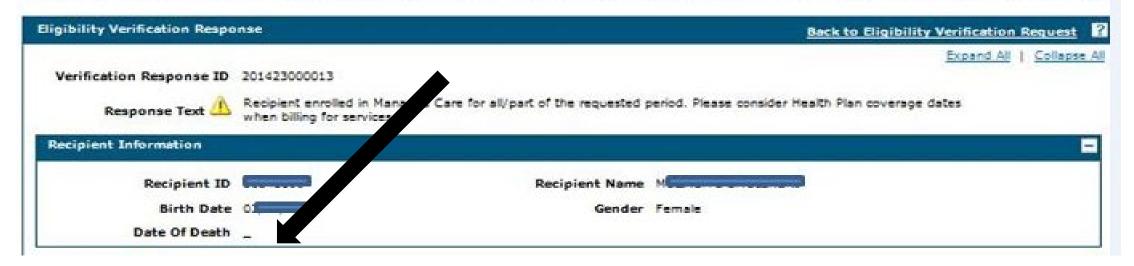EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
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Date of Death

- Before submitting claim for SIA payment, the provider needs to verify the date of death is recorded in the Healthcare Portal

- If the date of death is not present, the claim will suspend for 45 days

- If after 45 days, the date of death is still not present, the claim will deny

EOB Messages-Tiered Payments

EOB	Reason
EOB 093-Payment amount reduced to maximum allowable amount	This will post when amount billed is greater than the allowed amount
EOB 464-Hospice service reimbursed at lower rate Tier 2	This will post for claim details paid at the lower rate based on calculation of the total units/days greater than 60 days for hospice service (T2042)

A claim can have more than one EOB when it includes services that are paid at both Tier 1 and Tier 2 rates

EOB Messages- Service Intensity Payment (SIA)

EOB	Reason
ESC 907 – Date of Death required for SIA Payment	• If no date of death is present in MMIS, the claim will suspend for 45 days. • If after 45 days, no date of death is still present, the claim will then deny for EOB 908.
EOB 908 – Date of Death required for SIA Payment	This will post if the date of death is not present after 45 days.
EOB 931 – Must bill T2042 & SIA W/IN last 7 days of Life	This will post if: • If the dates of service are not within the dates of service for T2042, or: • The dates of service are not within the last 7 days of life not including date of death

Thank You

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