

# Hospice Payment Methodology

January 2023

# 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 effective 7/1/2022	\$253.18
T2042	Routine Home Care – days 61+ effective 7/1/2022	\$198.85

# 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
- \$16.21 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

# 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



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Verification Response ID: 201423000013

Response Text  Recipient enrolled in Managed Care for all/part of the requested period. Please consider Health Plan coverage dates when billing for services.

**Recipient Information**

Recipient ID	[REDACTED]	Recipient Name	[REDACTED]
Birth Date	03/20/1980	Gender	Female
Date Of Death	-		



# 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If no date of death is present in MMIS, the claim will suspend for 45 days.</li><li>• If after 45 days, no date of death is still present, the claim will then deny for EOB 908.</li></ul>
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If the dates of service are not within the dates of service for T2042, or:</li><li>• The dates of service are not within the last 7 days of life not including date of death</li></ul>

# Thank You

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