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OVERVIEW

Physician Certification/recertification of care plans describes services where physicians are certifying/recertifying the care plan (i.e., signing the standard form) of those patients receiving home health services.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT

Physician certification/recertification services (G0179, G0180) are not separately reimbursable services as they are considered inclusive in the post service work performed.

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable physician services benefits/coverage.

BACKGROUND

Physician certification is the initial home health certification with the physician reviewing and signing the initial plan of care. Physician recertification is done if the patient's care continues for an additional 60 days. The physician must review and sign a recertification plan of care.

Care Plan Oversight and Physician Certification/recertification are distinctly separate services. Care Plan Oversight is described in a separate policy, so titled.

CODING

The following codes are not separately reimbursed:

G0179

G0180

RELATED POLICIES

None.

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