OVERVIEW

This policy addresses payment guidelines for Transitional and Chronic Care Management codes.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

POLICY STATEMENT

Blue CHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products

Transitional Care management, Chronic Care Management, and Complex Chronic Care Management services are covered and not separately reimbursed for all providers.

COVERAGE

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

CODING

The following codes are covered but not separately reimbursed for all providers:

99495  Transitional Care Management Services with the following required elements: Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver within 2 business days of discharge; Medical decision making of at least moderate complexity during the service period; Face-to-face visit, within 14 calendar days of discharge

99496  Transitional Care Management Services with the following required elements: Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver within 2 business days of discharge; Medical decision making of high complexity during the service period; Face-to-face visit, within 7 calendar days of discharge.

99490  Chronic care management services, at least 20 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month, with the following required elements: multiple (two or more) chronic conditions expected to last at least 12 months, or until the death of the patient; chronic conditions place the patient at significant risk of death, acute exacerbation/decompensation, or functional decline; comprehensive care plan established, implemented, revised, or monitored.

99487  Complex chronic care management services, with the following required elements: multiple (two or more) chronic conditions expected to last at least 12 months, or until the death of the patient, chronic conditions place the patient at significant risk of death, acute exacerbation/decompensation, or functional decline, establishment or substantial revision of a comprehensive care plan, moderate or high complexity medical decision making; 60 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month.

99489  Complex chronic care management services, with the following required elements: multiple (two or more) chronic conditions expected to last at least 12 months, or until the death of the patient, chronic conditions place the patient at significant risk of death, acute exacerbation/decompensation, or functional decline, establishment or substantial revision of a comprehensive care plan, moderate or...
high complexity medical decision making; 60 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month; each additional 30 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

RELATED POLICIES
None

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REFERENCES
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