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OVERVIEW

This policy documents coding and payment determination for Care Plan Oversight services.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization is not required.

POLICY STATEMENT

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial

Care plan oversight services that **extend beyond** 30 or more minutes in duration **are** reimbursed services (99375, 99378).

Care plan oversight services, that are **less** than 30 minutes in duration, are considered not separately reimbursed services--they are included in the post service work (99374, 99377).

Care plan oversight services are considered to be inclusive in caring for a patient at a Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Assisted Living Facility), Home, or a Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility and are considered not separately reimbursed services (99339, 99340, 99379, and 99380).

Physician supervision services are reimbursed services, once per 30 days.

Only one (1) care plan oversight or physician supervision service will be allowed every 30 days, per patient.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

None

BACKGROUND

Care Plan Oversight Services are reported separately from codes for office/outpatient, hospital, home, nursing facility or domiciliary services. The complexity and approximate physician time of the care plan oversight services provided within a 30-day period determine code selection. Only one physician may report services for a given period of time, to reflect that physician's sole or predominant supervisory role with a particular patient.

The work involved in providing very low intensity or infrequent supervision services is **included** in the pre- and post-encounter work for home, office/outpatient, and nursing facility or domiciliary visit codes.

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

COVERAGE

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

CODING

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial

The following CPT codes are separately reimbursed:

99375 99378

The following CPT codes are not separately reimbursed:

99339 99340 99374 99377 99379 99380

The following CPT codes are covered for BlueCHiP for Medicare, use alternate procedure code for Commercial:

G0181 (Use alternative CPT code 99375)

G0182 (Use alternative CPT code 99378)

RELATED POLICIES

Physician Certification/Recertification of Care Plans

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REFERENCES

None

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