Physician Certification/Recertification of Care Plans

**Description:**
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. 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.

**Medical Criteria:**
Not applicable. This is a claims payment policy only.

**Policy:**
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/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate member certificate/subscriber agreement/Rite Care contract for applicable physician services coverage/benefits.

**Coding:**
The following codes are not separately reimbursed:
G0179
G0180

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**References:**


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