

## **New G codes for home health agencies**

For dates of service on and after January 1, 2017, a separate payment will be made to home health agencies (HHAs) who are reimbursed on a CMS prospective payment system methodology and billing for disposable negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) devices when furnished to a patient who receives home health services for which payment is made under the Medicare home health benefit. To receive separate payment for NPWT, in addition to billing a claim with type of bill 32X, HHAs must bill a claim with type of bill 34X, HCPCS 97607 or 97608 and the appropriate revenue code 042X, 043X or 0559.

Effective January 1, 2017, and thereafter, G0163 and G0164 will be retired and replaced with the following four new G codes:

1. G0493 — Skilled services of a registered nurse (RN) for the observation and assessment of the patient's condition, each 15 minutes (the change in the patient's condition requires skilled nursing personnel to identify and evaluate the patient's need for possible modification of treatment in the home health or hospice setting).
2. G0494 — Skilled services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) for the observation and assessment of the patient's condition, each 15 minutes (the change in the patient's condition requires skilled nursing personnel to identify and evaluate the patient's need for possible modification of treatment in the home health or hospice setting).
3. G0495 — Skilled services of a registered nurse (RN), in the training and/or education of a patient or family member, in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes.
4. G0496 — Skilled services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN), in the training and/or education of a patient or family member, in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes.

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