

Update: Coverage of G-codes differentiating registered nurse and licensed practical nurse skilled nursing visits

Summary of change: Effective with dates of service on and after January 1, 2016, the following G-codes will be covered to differentiate registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) skilled nursing visits in the home health and hospice settings. Providers will bill the following codes for the Acute Care Home Health Service Plan:

- Service provided by an RN will be coded as G0299 (direct skilled nursing services of an RN in the home health or hospice setting).
- Service provided by an LPN will be coded as G0300 (direct skilled nursing of an LPN in the home health or hospice setting).

✦ **What this means to you:** Codes G0299 and G0300 will be billed for the first 15 minutes of skilled nursing visits. Providers will continue to use T1002 (RN) and T1003 (LPN) for subsequent 15-minute increments of a skilled nursing visit. A combination of one G-code and up to three T-codes may be billed per visit. The Acute Care Home Health Service Plan limitations still apply.

Update: To be paid for an acute care skilled nursing visit, providers must have prior authorization on file and bill an initial G-code unit for each visit. When appropriate, a provider may bill up to three add-on units of the corresponding T-codes. Providers must bill all units for each visit on the same claim indicating the same date of service for each corresponding unit.

As a reminder, most home health services require prior authorization.

Code descriptions and reimbursement

G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a RN in the home health or hospice setting	\$35.00
G0300	Direct skilled nursing of a LPN in the home health or hospice setting	\$35.00
T1002	RN services, up to 15 minutes	\$15.00
T1003	Licensed vocational nurse (LVN)/LPN services, up to 15 minutes	\$10.00

Only the following provider types are allowed to bill the new G-codes:

- Home health agency
- Public health agency/public health agency or welfare agency and clinic
- Public health agency/maternity

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.