Billing Hospice Services

for VBID demonstration plans (2024)

Tip Sheet

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THIS INFORMATION APPLIES TO CLAIMS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR PATIENTS WITH HUMANA MEDICARE ADVANTAGE (MA) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER VALUE-BASED INSURANCE DESIGN (VBID) DEMONSTRATION PLANS IN CO, FL, GA, KY, OH, VA AND WI.

This information applies only to patients making a hospice election on or after January 1st during a participating Hospice VBID plan year.

Hospice providers should submit VBID claims to both Humana and their MAC.

Overview

- This information provides the requirements for submitting claims to Humana for hospice services.
- Humana uses the same methodology and formats currently used under Original Medicare.

Date of election: admission date is a required field

- Admission date must be same date as effective date of hospice election or change of election.
- Notice of election (NOE) claim must be submitted to Humana and to the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC).

MA guidelines

- Bill hospice claims for MA patients monthly.
  - Monthly billing must conform to a calendar month, not a 30-day period.
    - Exception: Patient is discharged or revokes election and later re-elects the hospice benefit during same month.
- More than one claim per calendar month, for the same patient is not allowed.
  - Exceptions:
    - Patient is discharged or revokes election and later re-elects the hospice benefit during same month.
    - Provider submits a corrected claim to update information on a previous claim.
- Submit hospice claims sequentially.
- Submit hospice claims on an ASC X12 837 institutional electronic claim transaction or a CMS-1450 paper form (UB-04).

Bill types

- Type of bill is a required field.
  - Enter the three digit number indicating the specific type of bill
    - Digit 1: type of facility = 8: special facility (hospice)
    - Digit 2: bill classification = 1: hospice (non-hospital-based ownership) or 2: hospice (hospital-based ownership)
    - Digit 3: number bill frequency type = effect on election period

Bill coverage period: dates

- Dates must be entered in 6-digit format: MMDDYY.

Condition codes

- Hospices should report a condition code, only when applicable.

Occurrence codes

- Enter an occurrence code to define a specific event related to the billing period.
- Enter an occurrence span code, if applicable, with an associated beginning and ending date to define a specific event related to the billing period.
- Dates must be entered in the 6-digit format: MMDDYY.

Value codes

- Enter a value code to identify the location of hospice services.

Revenue codes

- Assign a revenue code for each type of service provided.
- Report separate line items if different levels of care are provided.
- For each level of care, report the date of service on which that level began for the billing period and the unit(s) to represent the number of days for that level.

Service-intensity add-on (SIA)

- Service-intensity add-on payment applies to social worker and registered nursing visits during the last 7 days of life
- Humana will automatically reimburse for SIA if:
  - Revenue codes 0551 (G0299) and/or 0561 (G0155) are present, and
  - Occurrence code 55 is included, and
  - Charges billed under revenue code 0651 and place-of-service code (Q5001-Q5010) for the last 7 days of life
- Exception: Humana cannot process SIA visits when the event spans 2 calendar months.
  - Hospices should submit a corrected claim for the month prior to the date of death with occurrence code 55 and the date of death to have those SIA units processed.

Place-of-service codes (Q Codes)

- Required on all hospice claims to convey the volume and level of care provided by the setting.

Patient status

- Enter the appropriate patient status code on each claim.

  Note: If the patient died during the billing period, use codes 40, 41 or 42, as appropriate. Patient discharge status code 20 is not used on hospice claims.

Patient discharge guidelines

- Reasons for discharge from hospice care
  - Patient moves out of the hospice's service area or transfers to another hospice
  - Patient is no longer terminally ill
  - Patient meets the hospice provider's internal policy regarding discharge for cause

Consulting physicians

- Consulting physicians (not the patient's attending physician) provide professional services related to the treatment of terminal illness.
- Consulting physician services must be billed by the hospice.
- Consulting physicians must have a contract with the hospice for their services.
- Consulting physician services are reported on the hospice claim CMS-1450 (UB04) paper form or the electronic equivalent.

Additional resources

- CMS Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 11, Hospice Claims:
  CMS.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c11.pdf
- Humana's medical and pharmacy coverage policies:
  Humana.com/CoveragePolicies
- Humana's claim payment policies:
  Humana.com/ClaimPaymentPolicies
- Humana's code editing:
  Humana.com/Edits
- Humana's code edit inquiry tools:
  Availity.com
  - **Research Procedure Code Edits**: Go to → Payer Spaces → Humana → Applications → Research Procedure Code Edits
  - **Code Edit Simulator:** Go to → Payer Spaces → Humana → Applications → Code Edit Simulator

  Note: Claims submitted with certain modifiers are subject to additional manual review using information on current and historical claims. Actual claim results may differ from simulator results.
- Claim Disputes:
  Availity.com
  - **Claim Status tool**: Go to → Claims & Payments → Claim Status → Enter search criteria → Select claim → "Dispute Claim" button

  Humana.com/Publications
  - **Provider Manual**: Section titled "Provider Claims Dispute Process, Member Grievance/Appeal Process"

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Also accessible on Availity.com → Payer Spaces → Humana → Resources → Making It Easier

Appendix

Type of bill			
8XA	Notice of election (NOE)	8X2	First claim in series
8XB	Notice of termination/revocation (NOTR)	8X3	Continuing claim
8XC	Change of hospice	8X4	Discharge claim
8XD	Cancel NOE/benefit period	8X7	Adjustment claim
8X0	Nonpayment claim	8X8	Cancel claim
8X1	Admit through discharge		

Condition codes	
H2	Discharge for cause
52	Discharge for patient unavailability, inability to receive care or out of service area
85	Delayed recertification of hospice terminal illness

Occurrence codes	
27	Date of certification or recertification
42	Date of revocation (only)
55	Date of death (when patient status is 40, 41 or 42)

Occurrence span codes	
77	Noncovered days due to untimely recertification or untimely NOE
M2	Multiple respite stays, from/to dates each stay

Value codes		
61	Place of residence where service is furnished (routine home care and continuous home care)	Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) or core-based statistical area (CBSA) number (or rural state code) of the location where the hospice service is delivered. Hospices must report value code 61 when billing revenue codes 0651 and 0652.
G8	Facility where inpatient hospice service is delivered (general inpatient and inpatient respite care)	MSA or CBSA number (or rural state code) of the location where the hospice service is delivered. Hospice must report value code G8 when billing revenue codes 0655 and 0656.

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Revenue codes, HCPCS codes and modifiers		
Description	REV	HCPCS code(s) and modifier(s)
Total units/charges	0001	None
Physician services	0657	As appropriate, 26 (technical component) As appropriate, GV (nurse practitioner is attending)
Other	0659	A9270, GY (room and board), report as noncovered charges
Discipline visit description	REV	HCPCS code(s) and modifier(s)
Physical therapy	0421	G0151, PM (post-mortem/attendance at death)
Occupational therapy	0431	G0152, PM
Speech language pathology	0441	G0153, PM
Skilled nursing	0551	G0299, PM G0300, PM
Medical social service (visit)	0561	G0155, PM
Medical social service (phone call)	0569	G0155, PM
Home health aide	0571	G0156, PM
Levels of care description	REV	HCPCS code(s)
Routine home care (1 unit = 1 day) (Q5001-Q5010)	0651	Q5001 (home) Q5002 (assisted-living facility) Q5003 (long-term care or nonskilled nursing facility) Q5004 (skilled nursing facility) Q5005 (inpatient hospital) Q5006 (inpatient hospice facility) Q5007 (long-term care hospital) Q5008 (inpatient psychiatric facility) Q5009 (place not otherwise specified) Q5010 (hospice residential facility)
Continuous home care (1 unit = 1 hour) (Q5001-QQ5003, Q5009-Q5010)	0652	
Respite care (1 unit = 1 day) (Q5003-Q5009)	0655	
General inpatient care (1 unit = 1 day) (Q5004-Q5009)	0656	
Drugs/infusion pumps description	REV	HCPCS code(s) and modifier(s)
Noninjectable drugs	0250	None
Infusion pump (equipment)	029X	As appropriate
Infusion pump (drugs)	0294	As appropriate
Injectable drugs	0636	As appropriate

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Allowed place-of-service codes for levels-of-care codes	Routine 0651	CHC 0652	Respite 0655	GIP 0656
Q5001 (home)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Q5002 (assisted living facility)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Q5003 (long-term care or non-skilled nursing facility)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Q5004 (skilled nursing facility)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Q5005 (inpatient hospital)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Q5006 (inpatient hospice facility)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Q5007 (long-term care hospital)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Q5008 (inpatient psychiatric facility)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Q5009 (place not otherwise specified)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q5010 (hospice residential facility)	Yes	Yes	No	No

Patient status	
01	Discharged to home
30	Still a patient
40	Expired at home
41	Expired at medical facility
42	Expired (place unknown)
50	Discharged/transferred to hospice (home)
51	Discharged/transferred to hospice (medical facility)

Discharge reason	Occurrence code	Condition code	Patient status code
Patient revokes	42	None	01
Patient transfers hospice	None	None	50 or 51
Patient no longer terminal	None	None	01
Patient discharged for cause	None	H2	01
Patient moves out of service area	None	52	01
Death	55	None	40, 41 or 42
Untimely face-to-face (stay not certified)	None	None	30