

## What is Care Plan Oversight?

Care Plan Oversight is a mechanism to allow your practice to bill for supervision or non-face-to-face services you provide for Medicare patients receiving home health care. The service can be performed by a physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or physician assistant in your practice.

In order to bill Medicare for these services you provide, there are some guidelines and documentation requirements. We have summarized many of these requirements. You can also visit your Medicare intermediary's website to find out more information on CPO and how much the reimbursement is for each service.

## Requirements

- The physician cannot have a significant financial relationship with the HHA providing care for the patient (i.e. medical director, employee of HHA)
- Only 1 physician per month can bill CPO
- Physicians billing for ESRD under a capitation agreement nor a physician who is providing surgical follow-up may bill for CPO
- The physician who bills for CPO must be the same physician who signed the certification for the HHA
- The physician must have had a face-to-face service with the patient within 6 months of billing for the CPO
- The physician must have personally provided at least 30 minutes of service in 1 calendar month
- The beneficiary must be receiving Medicare covered home health services during the period in which CPO is billed
- The beneficiary must require complex or multidisciplinary care modalities requiring ongoing physician involvement in the patient's plan of care

## Codes Used for CPO

**G0180** – Used for certification of a home care patient's treatment plan.

**G0179** – Used for recertification of a home care patient's treatment plan.

**G0181** – Used for non face-to-face supervision of a home care patient requiring complex and multidisciplinary care. Time spent must equal or exceed 30 minutes per calendar month.

## Contact Conficare®

To learn more about Care Plan Oversight, contact Conficare®. One of our professionals would be more than happy to provide an educational in-service to you and your staff. Let our trusted knowledge and resources work for you.

Call Conficare® at **941-429-1226**.

Or, visit <http://www.conficare.com> for additional information and to complete a referral form to begin the assessment process.

## Can bill for time spent for:

- Time reviewing reports, treatment plans and charts
- Team conferences
- Review of diagnostic studies if the review is not part of an E/M service
- Phone conversations with other health care professionals who are not employees of the practice and are involved in the patient's care
- Care coordination if physician or non-physician practitioner is required
- Discussion of drug treatment/ interactions (not routine prescription renewals) with a pharmacist
- Making changes to the treatment plan.

## Cannot bill for time spent for:

- Discussions with fellow employees at the practice
- Travel
- Renewal of prescriptions
- Time spent working on discharge services
- Interpreting test results at a E/M visit
- Preparing or submitting claims
- Discussions with a patient's family, even if discussing treatment plan changes
- Informal consults with physicians who are not treating the patient
- CPO work performed by staff who are not physicians or non-physician practitioners.

## Suggestions for Your Office:

- Establish a monthly routine
- Log all patients for whom CPO is provided to use at the end of the month during billing
- Keep a CPO log in each patients chart with documentation
- Use the census list from HHA to make sure they do not miss anyone





Initial Certification (485) Billing Code **GO180**

Recertification Billing Code **GO179**

Below is the information you will need in order to bill for the review and signature of home health plans of care.

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