Local Coverage Article:
Waiver of Face-to-Face Visit for Home Dialysis Patients (A55058)

Links in PDF documents are not guaranteed to work. To follow a web link, please use the MCD Website.

Contractor Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Contractor Name</th>
<th>Contract Type</th>
<th>Contract Number</th>
<th>Jurisdiction</th>
<th>State(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01111 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>California - Entire State</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01112 - MAC B</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>California - Northern</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01182 - MAC B</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>California - Southern</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01211 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>American Samoa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01212 - MAC B</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>Guam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01311 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>Hawaiian islands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01312 - MAC B</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>Nevada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01911 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>American Samoa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01912 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>Guam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01913 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>Hawaiian islands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01914 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>Nevada</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC</td>
<td>A and B MAC</td>
<td>01915 - MAC A</td>
<td>J - E</td>
<td>American Samoa</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Back to Top

Article Information

General Information

Article ID
A55058

Article Title
Waiver of Face-to-Face Visit for Home Dialysis Patients

Original Article Effective Date
07/07/2016

Revision Effective Date
N/A

Revision Ending Date
N/A

Retirement Date
N/A

AMA CPT / ADA CDT / AHA NUBC Copyright Statement
CPT only copyright 2002-2018 American Medical Association. All Rights Reserved. CPT is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association. Applicable FARS/DFARS Apply to Government Use. Fee schedules, relative value units, conversion factors and/or related components are not assigned by the AMA, are not part of CPT, and the AMA is not recommending their use. The AMA does not directly or indirectly practice medicine or dispense medical services. The AMA assumes no liability for data contained or not contained herein.

Printed on 3/1/2018. Page 1 of 3
**Article Guidance**

**Article Text:**

Physician management services for patients on dialysis are usually paid for a full month of management services. For in-center dialysis patients, this is billed and paid based on the number of face-to-face visits made during the month and the age bracket of the patient. For home dialysis patients there is a single fee based on the age bracket of the patient. Medicare requires that physicians billing this service must provide certain minimal services including at least one face-to-face visit each month to assess the condition of the vascular access.

Since 2011, CMS has allowed payment of the ESRD Monthly Capitation (MCP) for certain home dialysis patients even when the physician has not actually had a face-to-face visit; this requires an individual waiver at contractor discretion (IOM 100-04, Chapter 8, Section 140.1.1). Starting July 7, 2016, physicians may request this waiver by appending the -52 modifier (reduced services) to the appropriate monthly capitation CPT code (90963 – 90966).

Place the words, “No Face-to-Face” in Item 19 (or electronic equivalent). Noridian may request medical records to assess whether the notes support that the physician actively and adequately managed the care of the home dialysis patient throughout the month. Noridian expects that requests for these waivers will be unusual.

**References:** Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8, Section 140.1.1 at MCPM

---

**Coding Information**

**Bill Type Codes:**

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bill Type Code</th>
<th>Bill Type Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0x</td>
<td>TBD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Revenue Codes:**

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the article, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the article should be assumed to apply...
apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

**Revision History Information**

N/A  Related Local Coverage Document(s) N/A

Related National Coverage Document(s) N/A

Statutory Requirements URL(s) N/A

Rules and Regulations URL(s) N/A

CMS Manual Explanations URL(s) N/A

Other URL(s) N/A

**Public Version(s)** Updated on 05/13/2016 with effective dates 07/07/2016 - N/A

**Keywords**

- ESRD
- Monthly Capitation
- MCP
- 90963
- 90964
- 90965
- 90966
- waiver
- face to face
- home visit
- dialysis

Read the **Article Disclaimer**