

Hospice non-reimbursable codes and limits

Background: In accordance with Louisiana Medicaid guidelines regarding hospice billing, please refer to the fee schedule and provider manual for appropriate codes and rates:

- https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm
- https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/providermanuals/HOSPICE_main.htm

Hospice revenue codes

Hospice is billed using the following Revenue codes:

Revenue code	Revenue code description	LA Medicaid time increment	Limits
0651	Hospice services - routine home care	per diem	1 per day
0652	Hospice services - continuous home care	per hour	24 per day; minimum 8 hours; up to 24 hours
0655	Hospice services - inpatient respite care	per diem	1 per day; maximum 5/days per election period
0656	Hospice services - general inpatient care (nonrespite)	per diem	1 per day; maximum 5/days (per election period)
0659	Hospice services - other Note: used for hospice service intensity add-on (SIA) with HCPCS codes G0155 or G0299	15 minute	16 per day; limit 7 days (112 units)
HCPCS code	HCPCS code description	LA Medicaid time increment	Limits
G0155	Services of clinical social worker in home health or hospice settings, each 15 minutes Note: Code is used in conjunction with RV 0659 for SIA hospice billing only.	15 minute	16 per day limit 7 days (112 units)
G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN), in home health or hospice setting each 15 minutes Note: Code is used in conjunction with RV 0659 for SIA hospice billing only.	15 minute	

Billing reminders

As a reminder, bill as follows:

- Enter each date of hospice service on a separate line to capture the correct dates of service and units rendered.
- Use the appropriate revenue code(s) that describe the hospice service rendered for the date of service.

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- Use the appropriate HCPCS code for the service intensity add-on (SIA) in conjunction with revenue code 0659.
 - The only HCPCS codes allowed with revenue code 0659 is G0155 or G0299.
 - If any other HCPCS codes are billed with this revenue code, the claim line will be denied.
 - If revenue code 0659 is billed without HCPCS G0155 or G0299, the claim will be denied.
- Do not bill any other HCPCS code in conjunction with revenue codes 0651, 0652, 0655, 0656.
 - If any other HCPCS codes are billed with these revenue codes, the claim line will be denied.

Claims may be denied if the applicable codes are not billed and/or if the limits are exceeded.

- If the code is a per diem code, then only one unit per day should be billed; each day should be billed on a separate claim line.
- If the code is an hourly or a 15-minute increment code, then bill in accordance with the state limit and guidelines.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.