



To the Point: Consolidated Billing and Hospice

Slide 1: *To the Point* is presented by the Provider Outreach and Education Department at CGS.

Slide 2: The Provider Outreach and Education Department creates these brief recordings on hot topics. The purpose is to provide suppliers with quick information on identified topics, how they affect you and any action(s) needed on your part. These recordings are less than 10 minutes and will contain resources for additional information when applicable. This segment is on Consolidated Billing and Hospice.

Slide 3: This session of *To the Point* will address consolidated billing for DMEPOS items provided during a hospice related illness. The session will conclude with resources to complete the understanding of billing DMEPOS when hospice is involved.

Slide 4: When hospice is elected, the beneficiary waives all rights to Medicare Part B payments for services related to the treatment and management of his or her illness. The intermediary will make payment on the claim. If claims are not related to the terminal illness, regardless of the diagnosis on the hospice record, the items should be billed to the DME MAC with the GW modifier to indicate the services are not related to hospice.

Slide 5: Only append the GW modifier to applicable HCPCS code if both of the following are true:

1. The beneficiary is in a hospice episode or period of care on the date of service.
2. The need for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) isn't related to the hospice condition.

You should have a valid Hospice Election Statement Addendum on file. For a complete list of the requirements for this document, see the CMS Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 9, Section 20.2.1.2: (<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c09.pdf>).

Slide 6: The GW modifier is needed for all DMEPOS HCPCS codes that are not related to the hospice diagnosis. This example shows a DME item with the appropriate pricing modifiers and the GW to indicate not hospice related.

Slide 7: To assist suppliers with billing, the Consolidated Billing Tool on the CGS website will indicate if the HCPCS code entered is either included in the Part A stay, or the item is payable in a nursing facility once the Part A stay has ended, or the HCPCS code is included in home health consolidated billing, and the tool also provides details on when a HCPCS code is separately payable while enrolled in hospice. The tool also provides links to helpful resources when the results are displayed.

- JB: https://cgsmedicare.com/medicare_dynamic/jb/consbill/consbill/index.aspx
- JC: https://cgsmedicare.com/medicare_dynamic/jc/consbill/consbill/index.aspx



Slide 8: How do you determine if the beneficiary is in a hospice covered stay? Suppliers can use the myCGS secure web portal to access eligibility information. myCGS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Slide 9: Here's a look at the hospice eligibility information in myCGS. Complete details can be found in the myCGS User Manual on the CGS Medicare website (<https://cgsmedicare.com/mycgs/manual/dme/index.html>).

Slide 10: Here are the main points covered in today's session. If the condition is related to hospice, the intermediary pays for all items including DMEPOS. If the condition is not related to the hospice diagnosis and you have a valid Hospice Election Statement on file, the DMEPOS items are submitted to the DME MAC for payment consideration. The GW modifier is appended to all affected claim lines to indicate the services are not related to hospice.

Slide 11: Here are resources for today's edition of *To the Point*. Links to:

- **Supplier Manual, Chapter 6**
 - JB: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/pubs/supman/index.html>
 - JC: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/supman/index.html>
- **Consolidated Billing Tool**
 - JB: https://www.cgsmedicare.com/medicare_dynamic/jb/consbill/consbill/index.aspx
 - JC: https://www.cgsmedicare.com/medicare_dynamic/jc/consbill/consbill/index.aspx
- **GW Modifier Usage for Hospice Patients**
 - JB: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jb/pubs/news/2023/07/cope141551.html>
 - JC: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/07/cope141551.html>
- **myCGS Web Portal Page**
 - JB: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jb/mycgs/index.html>
 - JC: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jc/mycgs/index.html>
- **CMS Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 9, Section 20.2.1.2**
 - <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c09.pdf>

Slide 12: Thank you for viewing *To the Point* on Consolidated Billing when DMEPOS is provided to beneficiaries with a hospice related condition. We hope you will join us again for other educational offerings by the Provider Outreach and Education Department here at CGS.