



To the Point: Consolidated Billing and Home Health

Slide 1: *To the Point* is presented by the Provider Outreach and Education Department at CGS. This session is on Consolidated Billing and Home Health.

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. Today's segment is on Consolidated Billing and Home Health.

Slide 3: This session of *To the Point* is on consolidated billing and how it relates to the Home Health Prospective Payment System or PPS and DMEPOS provided during a home health episode. *To The Point* will conclude with resources to complete the understanding of consolidated billing for this type of care.

Slide 4: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires consolidated billing of all home health services while a beneficiary is under a home health plan of care authorized by a physician. Meaning payment will be made to a single or the primary home health agency overseeing that plan. The law states that the payment will be made to the primary home health agency whether or not the item or service was furnished by the agency, by others under arrangement or when any other contracting or consulting arrangements existed with the primary agency or otherwise.

Slide 5: Routine and non-routine medical supplies are included in the payment the Home Health Agency receives for the 60-day home health episode. The Home Health Agency must bill for all supplies provided during this 60-day episode including those not related to the Plan of Care, due to the consolidated billing requirement.

Slide 6: There is a master list of HCPCS Codes for Home Health Consolidated Billing. If a HCPCS code appears on the list, that code may not be billed to the DME MAC when the beneficiary is in a home health episode. Examples of items not billable during a home health episode are ostomy and urological supplies and surgical dressings. Use the link provided to check for applicable HCPCS codes. (<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/home-health/coding-and-billing-information>)

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 skilled 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 eligibility information for a beneficiary receiving Home Health benefits? 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 home health eligibility information in myCGS. Complete details can be found in the myCGS User Manual (<https://www.cgsmedicare.com/mycgs/manual/dme/index.html>) on the CGS Medicare website.

Slide 10: This summary is included to give a high-level overview of the main points of consolidated billing for beneficiaries during a home health episode of care.

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
- **myCGS Web Portal Page**
 - JB: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jb/mycgs/index.html>
 - JC: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jc/mycgs/index.html>
- **Home Health Consolidated Billing Master Code List**
 - https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/coding_billing

Slide 12: Thank you for viewing *To the Point* on Consolidated Billing and DMEPOS provided during a home health episode. We hope you will join us again for other educational offerings by the Provider Outreach and Education Department here at CGS.