
Hospice Services Payment Policy

Policy Statement

Hospice care is for people who are nearing the end of life. The services are provided by a team of health care professionals who maximize comfort for a person who is terminally ill by reducing pain and addressing physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs. The services are provided in the home setting, inpatient hospice facility, skilled nursing facility (SNF), or hospital.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- Medicaid** *excluding Extended Family Planning (EFP)*
- INTEGRITY**
- Commercial**

Prerequisites

All services must be medically necessary to qualify for reimbursement. Neighborhood may use the following criteria to determine medical necessity:

- National Coverage Determination (NCD)
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD)
- Industry accepted criteria such as InterQual
- Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) recommendations
- Clinical Medical Policies (CMP)

It is the provider's responsibility to verify eligibility, coverage and authorization criteria prior to rendering services.

For more information please refer to:

- Neighborhood's plan specific [Prior Authorization Reference page](#).
- Neighborhood's [Clinical Medical Policies](#).

Please contact Provider Services at 1-800-963-1001 for questions related to this policy.

Coverage and Reimbursement Guidelines

Hospice services in the home, hospital, inpatient hospice facility, skilled nursing facility (SNF) and respite services are covered as part of the hospice benefit.

These services may include:

- Physician services



- Nursing care provided by or supervised by a registered professional nurse
- Social work services
- Volunteer services
- Counseling services (This includes bereavement counseling services for the member's family for up to one year after the member's death).

Coverage Limitations

Medicaid

- Neighborhood will authorize the first thirty (30) days of hospice care for Rhode Health Partners (RHP) and ACA Adult Expansion (RHE) members when delivered in a nursing home setting. Starting on the thirty first day, Medical Assistance fee for service will reimburse the hospice care and the room and board.
- Respite care must occur in an inpatient setting and cannot exceed a 5 day admission.

INTEGRITY

- Hospice Services except for LTSS and Room and Board are Out of Plan (OOP) for Integrity members.
 - Neighborhood will still cover in-plan services that are not covered by Medicare while a member is receiving OOP Hospice services.

Coverage Exclusions

Medicaid

- Room and board for long-term hospice care not covered.
- Respite Care is OOP for adult members (22 and older) .

Claim Submission

Billable services are subject to contractual agreements, when applicable. Providers are required to submit complete claims for payment within contractually determined timely filing guidelines.

Coding must meet standards defined by the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology Editorial Panel's (CPT®) codebook, the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II.

Documentation Requirements

Neighborhood reserves the right to request medical records for any service billed. Documentation in the medical record must support the service(s) billed as well as the medical necessity of the service(s). Neighborhood follows CMS standards for proper documentation requirements.



Member Responsibility

Commercial plans include cost sharing provisions for coinsurance, copays, and deductibles. Members may have out of pocket expenses based on individual plan selection and utilization. Please review cost sharing obligations or contact Member Services prior to finalizing member charges.

Disclaimer

This payment policy is informational only and is not intended to address every situation related to reimbursement for healthcare services; therefore, it is not a guarantee of reimbursement.

Claim payments are subject to the following, which include but are not limited to: Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island benefit coverage, member eligibility, claims payment edit rules, coding and documentation guidelines, authorization policies, provider contract agreements, and state and federal regulations. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only.

This policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems used by Neighborhood due to programming or other constraints; however, Neighborhood strives to minimize these variations.

The information in this policy is accurate and current as of the date of publication; however, medical practices, technology, and knowledge are constantly changing. Neighborhood reserves the right to update this payment policy at any time. All services billed to Neighborhood for reimbursement are subject to audit.

Coding

CPT Code	Description
Q5001	Hospice or home health care provided in patient's home/residence
Q5002	Hospice or home health care provided in assisted living facility
Q5003	Hospice care provided in nursing long-term care facility (LTC) or nonskilled nursing facility (NF)
Q5004	Hospice care provided in skilled nursing facility (SNF)
Q5005	Hospice care provided in inpatient hospital
Q5006	Hospice care provided in inpatient hospice facility
Q5007	Hospice care provided in long-term care facility
Q5009	Hospice or home health care provided in place not otherwise specified (NOS)
S9125	Respite care, in the home, per diem
S9126	Hospice care, in the home, per diem
T1005	Respite care services, up to 15 minutes
T2042	Hospice routine home care; per diem

CPT Code	Description
T2043	Hospice continuous home care; per hour
T2044	Hospice inpatient respite care; per diem
T2045	Hospice general inpatient care; per diem
T2046	Hospice long-term care, room and board only; per diem

Document History

Date	Action
03/19/2025	Policy Review Date. No content changes.
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