



Medicare Billing of non-hospice related services

What is non-hospice related services

- Any services provided to a patient enrolled in hospice that are not related to the treatment and management of the patient's terminal illness.
- The following services are considered not covered as part of the hospice treatment plan:
 - Services during an Emergency Department Care not related to the patient's terminal diagnosis or not arranged by their hospice provider.
 - Services during an acute inpatient stay *for a diagnosis that is unrelated to the terminal illness* for which the member/enrollee is receiving hospice care.
 - Services for individuals no longer considered terminally ill.
 - Services, supplies or procedures, or medication that are directed towards curing the terminal condition
 - Services to primarily aid in the performance of activities of daily living.
 - Nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, and non-prescription drugs.
 - Medical supplies unrelated to the palliative care to be provided.
 - Services for which any other benefits apply.

Required Modifiers & Condition Codes



- Modifier GW: Service **NOT** related to the hospice patient's terminal condition
 - This modifier should be used when a service is rendered to a patient enrolled in a hospice and the service is unrelated to the patient's terminal condition.
- Condition Code 07
 - Treatment of a non-terminal condition for a hospice patient. Report this code when the patient has elected hospice care, but the provider is not treating the patient for the terminal condition.

Claim Form Requirements

- CMS-1500 Form modifier requirement
 - Box 24D: GW - Service not related to the hospice patient's terminal condition
- UB04 Form modifier and condition code requirement
 - Field 18-28: Condition Code 07 will need to be reported to indicate that the treatment being provided to the member is of a non-terminal condition. Report this code when the patient has elected hospice care, but the provider is not treating the patient for the terminal condition.
 - Field 44: GW - Service not related to the hospice patient's terminal condition

Billing Claim Examples



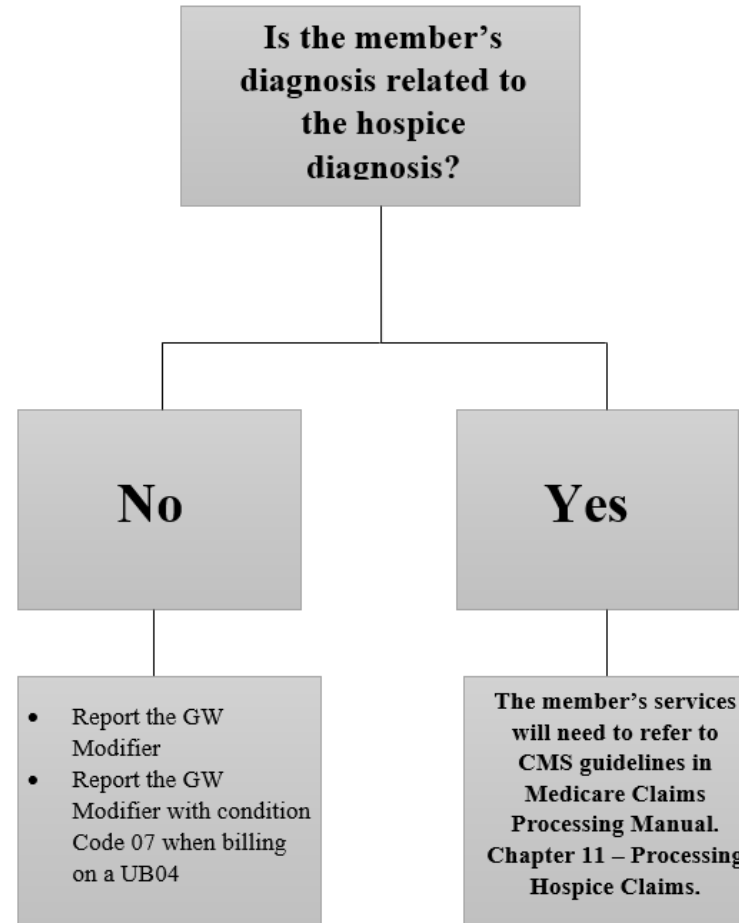
- **Physician Services Example:**

- A beneficiary enrolled in Hospice goes to a physician's office for closed treatment of a metatarsal fracture, CPT code 28470. If the procedure is unrelated to the terminal prognosis, the physician should bill it with modifier GW (28470GW).

- **Hospital Services Example:**

- A beneficiary enrolled in Hospice goes to hospital for closed treatment of a metatarsal fracture, CPT code 28470. If the procedure is unrelated to the terminal prognosis, the hospital reports condition code 07 along with 28470GW.

Decision tree for billing non-hospice related services





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