



ATTENTION: HOSPICE PROVIDERS

Service Intensity Add-On Reimbursement Rates Effective January 1, 2016

CMS has implemented a new reimbursement rate for more intensive services provided by registered nurses (RNs) or social workers in the final seven days of a hospice patient's life.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016, a service intensity add-on (SIA) payment will be reimbursable for a visit by an RN (G0299) or a social worker (G0155), when provided during routine home care in the last seven days of a patient's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the routine home care rate.

The fee schedule has been updated with the current rates according to each Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for SIA services and the required hospital revenue code (HR659). The claim for SIA services must be billed in units. Each unit is equal to 15 minutes. The maximum number of reimbursable units per day is 16 units. The seven day maximum number of reimbursable units is 112 units. All claims must be submitted with documentation demonstrating the necessity of the services provided. Documentation submitted should reflect the arrival and departure time of the professional providing the services.

Please contact Molina Provider Relations (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Updates to Bayou Health-related systems and claims processing changes are plan specific and are the responsibility of each health plan. For questions regarding Bayou Health updates, please contact the appropriate health plan.