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Attending (Admitting) Physician Visits

Initial Hospital Visit: An initial hospital visit is allowed for the beneficiary's attending physician. A subsequent hospital visit is not covered on the same day as the initial visit.

Subsequent Hospital Visit: Following the date of admission, only one subsequent hospital visit per day is allowed to the attending physician. An exception is made when the patient is in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or Coronary Care Unit (CCU) where the limit is two (2) visits per day.

Note: If another physician in the same group practice is seeing the beneficiary in the absence of the attending physician, the physician making the visit must bill for the visit. The limit of one subsequent visit per day is applicable when the subsequent visit occurs on the same date of service.

Consulting Physician Visits

Initial Inpatient Consultation: An initial inpatient consultation is allowed for each consultant of a different specialty if the patient's condition justifies the medical necessity for multiple consultations. Only one initial consultation is allowed per beneficiary, per consultant, per admission.

Subsequent Hospital Visits By Consulting Physicians: Following the date of the initial inpatient consultation, one subsequent hospital visit per day is allowed to only one consulting physician if the patient's condition justifies the medical necessity for the services of more than one physician of a specialty different from the attending physician.

Hospital Discharge Visits

A subsequent hospital visit and a hospital discharge visit on the same date of service are not both reimbursable; only the hospital discharge visit will be considered a covered service.