

CHAPTER 1
SECTION 3.2

HOME VISITS

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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Effective January 1, 1992, the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) evaluation and management service codes (i.e., visit codes) were revised. The former CPT 90000 series codes were replaced by a new CPT 99000 series. These new codes were adopted for claims processing for claims submitted on or after January 1, 1992.

II. DESCRIPTION

Visits provided by an individual professional provider for beneficiaries who are homebound.

III. POLICY

A. Home visits are covered when provided by an individual professional provider for the diagnosis or treatment of a covered condition for beneficiaries who are homebound or whose condition is such that home visits are indicated. The level of services is based on the:

1. Approach and detail of the medical history;
2. Extent of the examination;
3. Complexity of the decision making process; and
4. Severity of the presenting problem.

B. Typical times have not yet been established for this category of service.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

If the patient has been determined to be receiving custodial care, home visits are covered only when provided by a visiting nurse for one hour per day for skilled nursing care (CPT procedure code 99347). Visits by a physician for care of the custodial condition may be extended for up to twelve per calendar year (not to exceed one per month). See [Chapter 8](#),

Section 5.2, "Private Duty Nursing Care Provided by LPN or LVN" and Section 6.1, entitled "Custodial Care."

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