

## HOSPICE CARE

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<b>Related Policies</b>
None

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The services described in Oxford policies are subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the member's contract or certificate. Unless otherwise stated, Oxford policies do not apply to Medicare Advantage members. Oxford reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify policies as necessary without prior written notice unless otherwise required by Oxford's administrative procedures or applicable state law. The term Oxford includes Oxford Health Plans, LLC and all of its subsidiaries as appropriate for these policies.

Certain policies may not be applicable to Self-Funded members and certain insured products. Refer to the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage to determine whether coverage is provided or if there are any exclusions or benefit limitations applicable to any of these policies. If there is a difference between any policy and the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage, the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage will govern.

### CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE

Applicable Lines of Business/ Products	This policy applies to Oxford Commercial plan membership.
Benefit Type	Hospice
Referral Required (Does not apply to non-gatekeeper products)	No
Authorization Required (Precertification always required for inpatient admission)	Yes
Precertification with Medical Director Review Required	No
Applicable Site(s) of Service (If site of service is not listed, Medical Director review is required)	Inpatient, Home

### BENEFIT CONSIDERATIONS

Before using this policy, please check the member specific benefit plan document and any federal or state mandates, if applicable. Coverage for hospice is subject to benefit availability and any specific limitations/maximums as outlined in the Member's certificate of coverage/health benefits plan.

#### **Essential Health Benefits for Individual and Small Group**

For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) requires fully insured non-grandfathered individual and small group plans (inside and outside of Exchanges) to provide coverage for ten categories of Essential Health Benefits ("EHBs"). Large group plans (both self-funded and fully insured), and small group ASO plans, are not subject to the requirement to offer coverage for EHBs. However, if such plans choose to provide coverage for benefits which are deemed EHBs, the ACA requires all dollar limits on those benefits to be removed on all Grandfathered and Non-Grandfathered plans. The determination of which benefits constitute EHBs is

made on a state by state basis. As such, when using this policy, it is important to refer to the member specific benefit plan document to determine benefit coverage.

## POLICY

Precertification is required for all hospice requests.

## APPLICABLE CODES

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies may apply.

CPT Code	Description
99377	Supervision of a hospice patient (patient not present) requiring complex and multidisciplinary care modalities involving regular development and/or revision of care plans by that individual, review of subsequent reports of patient status, review of related laboratory and other studies, communication (including telephone calls) for purposes of assessment or care decisions with health care professional(s), family member(s), surrogate decision maker(s) (e.g., legal guardian) and/or key caregiver(s) involved in patient's care, integration of new information into the medical treatment plan and/or adjustment of medical therapy, within a calendar month; 15-29 minutes
99378	Supervision of a hospice patient (patient not present) requiring complex and multidisciplinary care modalities involving regular development and/or revision of care plans by that individual, review of subsequent reports of patient status, review of related laboratory and other studies, communication (including telephone calls) for purposes of assessment or care decisions with health care professional(s), family member(s), surrogate decision maker(s) (e.g., legal guardian) and/or key caregiver(s) involved in patient's care, integration of new information into the medical treatment plan and/or adjustment of medical therapy, within a calendar month; 30 minutes or more

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HCPCS Code	Description
G0151	Services performed by a qualified physical therapist in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G0152	Services performed by a qualified occupational therapist in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G0153	Services performed by a qualified speech-language pathologist in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G0155	Services of clinical social worker in home health or hospice settings, each 15 minutes
G0156	Services of home health/hospice aide in home health or hospice settings, each 15 minutes
G0157	Services performed by a qualified physical therapist assistant in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G0158	Services performed by a qualified occupational therapist assistant in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G0182	Physician supervision of a patient under a Medicare-approved hospice (patient not present), requiring complex and multidisciplinary care modalities involving regular physician development and/or revision of care plans, review of subsequent reports of patient status, review of laboratory and other studies, communication (including telephone calls) with other health care professionals involved in the patient's care, integration of new information into the medical treatment plan and/or adjustment of medical therapy, within a calendar month, 30 minutes or more
G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes

HCPCS Code	Description
G0300	Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G0337	Hospice evaluation and counseling services, preelection
G9473	Services performed by chaplain in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G9474	Services performed by dietary counselor in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G9475	Services performed by other counselor in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G9476	Services performed by volunteer in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G9477	Services performed by care coordinator in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G9478	Services performed by other qualified therapist in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
G9479	Services performed by qualified pharmacist in the hospice setting, each 15 minutes
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 non-skilled 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
Q5008	Hospice care provided in inpatient psychiatric facility
Q5009	Hospice or home health care provided in place not otherwise specified (NOS)
Q5010	Hospice home care provided in a hospice facility
S0255	Hospice referral visit (advising patient and family of care options) performed by nurse, social worker, or other designated staff
S0271	Physician management of patient home care, hospice monthly case rate (per 30 days)
S9126	Hospice care, in the home, per diem
T2042	Hospice routine home care; per diem
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

## REFERENCES

Oxford Certificate of Coverage and Member Handbook.

## POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

Date	Action/Description
12/01/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated list of applicable HCPCS codes; removed G0164 (expired Jan. 1, 2017)</li> <li>Archived previous policy version ADMINISTRATIVE 067.15 T1</li> </ul>