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(2) Payment is made to only one physician per patient for services furnished during a calendar month period. The physician must have furnished a service requiring a face-to-face encounter with the patient at least once during the 6-month period before the month for which care plan oversight payment is first billed. The physician may not have a significant ownership interest in, or financial or contractual relationship with, the HHA in accordance with § 424.22(d) of this chapter. The physician may not be the medical director or employee of the hospice and may not furnish services under an arrangement with the hospice.

(3) If a physician furnishes care plan oversight services during a post-operative period, payment for care plan oversight services is made if the services are documented in the patient's medical record as unrelated to the surgery.

(c) *Special rules for payment of care plan oversight provided by nonphysician practitioners for beneficiaries who receive HHA services covered by Medicare.* (1) An NPP can furnish physician care plan oversight (but may not certify a patient as needing home health services) only if the physician who signs the plan of care provides regular ongoing care under the same plan of care as does the NPP billing for care plan oversight and either—

(i) The physician and NPP are part of the same group practice; or

(ii) If the NPP is a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, the physician signing the plan of care also has a collaborative agreement with the NPP; or

(iii) If the NPP is a physician assistant, the physician signing the plan of care is also the physician who provides general supervision of physician assistant services for the practice.

(2) Payment may be made for care plan oversight services furnished by an NPP when:

(i) The NPP providing the care plan oversight has seen and examined the patient;

(ii) The NPP providing care plan oversight is not functioning as a consultant whose participation is limited to a single medical condition rather

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than multi-disciplinary coordination of care; and

(iii) The NPP providing care plan oversight integrates his or her care with that of the physician who signed the plan of care.

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§ 414.40 Coding and ancillary policies.

(a) *General rule.* CMS establishes uniform national definitions of services, codes to represent services, and payment modifiers to the codes.

(b) *Specific types of policies.* CMS establishes uniform national ancillary policies necessary to implement the fee schedule for physician services. These include, but are not limited to, the following policies:

(1) Global surgery policy (for example, post- and pre-operative periods and services, and intra-operative services).

(2) Professional and technical components (for example, payment for services, such as an EEG, which typically comprise a technical component (the taking of the test) and a professional component (the interpretation)).

(3) Payment modifiers (for example, assistant-at-surgery, multiple surgery, bilateral surgery, split surgical global services, team surgery, and unusual services).

§ 414.42 Adjustment for first 4 years of practice.

(a) *General rule.* For services furnished during CYs 1992 and 1993, except as specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the fee schedule payment amount or prevailing charge must be phased in as specified in paragraph (d) of this section for physicians, physical therapists (PTs), occupational therapists (OTs), and all other health care practitioners who are in their first through fourth years of practice.

(b) *Exception.* The reduction required in paragraph (d) of this section does not apply to primary care services or to services furnished in a rural area as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Act that is designated under section 332(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act as a Health Professional Shortage Area.

(c) *Definition of years of practice.* (1) The “first year of practice” is the first full CY during the first 6 months of which the physician, PT, OT, or other health care practitioner furnishes professional services for which payment may be made under Medicare Part B, plus any portion of the prior CY if that prior year does not meet the first 6 months test.

(2) The “second, third, and fourth years of practice” are the first, second, and third CYs following the first year of practice, respectively.

(d) *Amounts of adjustment.* The fee schedule payment for the service of a new physician, PT, OT, or other health care practitioner is limited to the following percentages for each of the indicated years:

- (1) First year—80 percent
- (2) Second year—85 percent
- (3) Third year—90 percent
- (4) Fourth year—95 percent

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§ 414.44 Transition rules.

(a) *Adjusted historical payment basis—*

(1) *All services other than radiology and nuclear medicine services.* For all physician services other than radiology services, furnished in a fee schedule area, the adjusted historical payment basis (AHPB) is the estimated weighted average prevailing charge applied in the fee schedule area for the service in CY 1991, as determined by CMS without regard to physician specialty and as adjusted to reflect payments for services below the prevailing charge, adjusted by the update established for CY 1992.

(2) *Radiology services.* For radiology services, the AHPB is the amount paid for the service in the fee schedule area in CY 1991 under the fee schedule established under section 1834(b), adjusted by the update established for CY 1992.

(3) *Nuclear medicine services.* For nuclear medicine services, the AHPB is the amount paid for the service in the fee schedule area in CY 1991 under the fee schedule established under section 6105(b) of Public Law 101-239 and section 4102(g) of Public Law 101-508, adjusted by the update established for CY 1992.

(4) *Transition adjustment.* CMS adjusts the AHPB for all services by 5.5 percent

to produce budget-neutral payments for 1992.

(b) *Adjustment of 1992 payments for physician services other than radiology services.* For physician services furnished during CY 1992 the following rules apply:

(1) If the AHPB determined under paragraph (a) of this section is from 85 percent to 115 percent of the fee schedule amount for the area for services furnished in 1992, payment is at the fee schedule amount.

(2) If the AHPB determined under paragraph (a) of this section is less than 85 percent of the fee schedule amount for the area for services furnished in 1992, an amount equal to the AHPB plus 15 percent of the fee schedule amount is substituted for the fee schedule amount.

(3) If the AHPB determined under paragraph (a) of this section is greater than 115 percent of the fee schedule amount for the area for services furnished in 1992, an amount equal to the AHPB minus 15 percent of the fee schedule amount is substituted for the fee schedule amount.

(c) *Adjustment of 1992 payments for radiology services.* For radiology services furnished during CY 1992 the following rules apply:

(1) If the AHPB determined under paragraph (a) of this section is from 85 percent to 109 percent of the fee schedule amount for the area for services furnished in 1992, payment is at the fee schedule amount.

(2) If the AHPB determined under paragraph (a) of this section is less than 85 percent of the fee schedule amount for the area for services furnished in 1992, an amount equal to the AHPB plus 15 percent of the fee schedule amount is substituted for the fee schedule amount.

(3) If the AHPB determined under paragraph (a) of this section is greater than 109 percent of the fee schedule amount for the area for services furnished in 1992, an amount equal to the AHPB minus 9 percent of the fee schedule amount is substituted for the fee schedule amount.

(d) *Computation of payments for CY 1993.* For physician services subject to the transition rules in CY 1992 and furnished during CY 1993, the fee schedule