

# Achieved Hospice Updates

(Dec. 22, 2015) - Effective for dates of service Jan. 1, 2016 and later, Hospice providers will be able to bill for service intensity add-on payments for routine home care services provided by a registered nurse or medical social worker during the last seven days of a patient's life. Billing for the service intensity add-on payment should be on a separate line and/or claim from your routine home care payment billing using revenue codes 551 or 561, as appropriate. Procedure code G0299 will be required with the use of revenue code 551 and G0155 will be required with the use of revenue code 561. Service intensity add-on payments must be billed in 15-minute increments (one unit is equal to 15 minutes) and billed on a claim with occurrence code 55 and an associated occurrence date that reflects the member's date of death. Revenue codes 551 and 561 must be billed as a single date of service per line (span-dating is not allowed). Please continue billing for your regular routine home care payments with revenue code 651 using the current billing guidelines and unit increment.