



# PDCM Billing Code overview



# The PDCM Procedure Codes

- G9001\* - Coordinated Care Fee – Initial Assessment
- G9002\* - Coordinated Care Fee – Maintenance or follow up (quantity billed >45 minutes)
- 98961\* - Group Education 2–4 patients for 30 minutes (quantity billed)
- 98962\* - Group Education 5–8 patients for 30 minutes (quantity billed)
- 98966\* - Phone Services 5-10 minutes
- 98967\* - Phone Services 11-20 minutes
- 98968\* - Phone Services 21-30 minutes
- 99487\* - Care Management Services 31-75 minutes per month (care coordination in the medical neighborhood)
- 99489\* - Care Management Services, every additional 30 minutes per month (care coordination in the medical neighborhood)
- G9007\* - Team Conference
- G9008\* - Physician Coordinated Care Oversight Services (physician only service and can only be billed by the physician)
- S0257\* - End of Life Counseling

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## Coordinated Care Fee-initial Assessment

- **G9001**

- Individual, face to face-video or in person component (may occur over more than 1 encounter).
- The code is submitted for payment when the assessment is completed
- The intent is to use this when conducting a comprehensive assessment (medical, behavioral, psychosocial)
- The code includes development of a plan of care. Self-management plan.
  - Best practice would be plans for ongoing monitoring, evaluation and adjustment of plan of care as needed until the patient's condition required a different level of care, declines services, or meets the intended target.

# Differences:

## BCBSM/BCN



Who can bill?-Licensed Care Team member



Telephonic- if it is documented why face to face is not possible



Once per day

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice
- Once annually



## **Coordinated Care fee-Maintenance or follow up G9002**

- Individual, face to face-video or in person
- Use for:
  - A follow up appointment/visit
  - Focused on addressing a portion of the plan of care-not a comprehensive assessment.
- Content-substantive to the plan of care
- May occur before or after a G9001
- For BCBSM/BCN Billed once per day (for >1 team member providing these services-determine who will drop the code)

# Differences:

## BCBSM/BCN



Who can bill?-Licensed Care Team Member



Telephonic- if it is documented why face to face is not possible



May quantity bill:

1-45 minutes=1 quantity, 46-75 minutes=2 quantity, 76-105 minutes=3 quantity, 106-135 minutes=4 quantity

May use 2P modifier-payable when contact with patient to discuss the program and the patient declines to enroll in Care Management. Allowed per condition per year. For Commercial PPO only.

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice
- No 2P modifier is available



## Group Education

- **98961**--2 to 4 patients for 30 minutes
- **98962**--5 to 8 patients for 30 minutes
  - Patient is defined as the patient or their designee (ie guardian, parent)
  - Quantity of 1=30 minutes
  - Quantity of 2=60 minutes
  - Curriculum approved by Providers (Provider is not required to attend)
  - Team members conduct the classes
  - Documentation is required for each patient ie plan of care, progress toward goals, response to class material etc
  - HIPAA policies apply



# Differences:

## BCBSM/BCN



Who can bill?-Licensed Care Team member



Telephonic- if it is documented why face to face is not possible



The code used is based on the number of patients in attendance

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice



## **Counseling and discussion about Advanced Directives or end of life care planning and decisions with patient**

- **S0257**

- Individual face to face, video, telephone
- Content-sharing information such as Advanced Directives, patient advocate etc.  
Discussion focused on patient wishes, quality of life etc

# Differences:

## BCBSM/BCN



Who can bill?-Licensed Care Team Member and MD, DO, PA and NP



Conversations may be in-person, telephonic or video with patient or surrogate



One per patient per day

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice, to include MD, DO, PA and NP
- No quantity limits



## Phone services with patient or caregiver (HIPAA approved)

- **98966**-5 to 10 minutes
- **98967**-11 to 20 minutes
- **98968**-21-30 minutes

Content-to discuss care issues and progress toward goal(s)

- Substantive to the plan of care (including addressing gaps for these complex enrolled patients)
- More than simply administrative tasks ie appointment reminders, to report lab results or routine gaps in care calls independent of being enrolled in PDCM
- Billed once per day. May add up phone call minutes in a day and bill the code representing all the minutes up to the 98968 21-30 minutes.

# Differences:

## BCBSM/BCN



Who can bill?-Licensed Care Team Member and MD, DO, PA and NP



May use 2P modifier-payable when the phone call with the patient to discuss the program and the patient declines PDCM services.



2P Modifier allowed per condition per year. For Commercial PPO only.

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice



## Care management services (care coordination) codes

- **99487**-31 to 75 minutes per month (care coordination in the medical neighborhood)
- **99489**-every additional 30 minutes after 75 minutes per month (care coordination in the medical neighborhood)
  - Billed at the end of each calendar month
    - It is a total of all care coordination call minutes accumulated that month
    - Once the minutes meet the threshold minimum number of minutes, the code can be submitted for payment
  - Care Coordination is between a care team member and external entities such as DME company, community resource, specialist office
  - It does not include time with the patient, patient family, or those within the immediate care team completing the care coordination calls

# Differences

## BCBSM/BCN

Who can bill?-Licensed and unlicensed Care Team Members

Portal communication-may include minutes representing care coordination and communication between patient and care team members through the portal that is substantive to the plan of care.

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice
- Minimum threshold is 60 minutes not 31 minutes (PH does not recognize the CPT 50% rule which sets threshold at 31 minutes)



## Team Conference Code

- **G9007**

- The team conference meeting must include the provider and at least once other immediate care team member.
- Who may bill-MD, DO, NP or PA
- Documentation may be done by a care team member as long as it is verified by the provider and it is the provider who “drops” the billing code.
- Once per day regardless of time spent
- Content: formal discussion substansive to the patient’s plan of care who is enrolled in care management. Not for patient identification, or brief, routine, unplanned day-to-day communications.





# Differences

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**There are no known differences between BCBSM/BCN and Priority Health for this code.**



Physician Coordinated Care Oversight Services (Enrollment fee)

G9008

# Differences:

## BCBSM/BCN



Who may bill?-MD, DO



Once per day-no quantity limit.



Emphasizes-**Coordinated care by the physician**: billed when Communication occurs for the purpose of consultation with health care professionals not part of the immediate care team. Goal is consulting about a patient with complex care needs, and coordination of provider services..

May use 2P modifier-payable when contact with patient to discuss the program and the patient declines to enroll in Care Management. Allowed per condition per year. For Commercial PPO only

## PH

- Who can bill?-Within Scope of Practice