

## RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

### Home Health Services-Reimbursement



The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted the following rule in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and as directed by the 1995-96 General Appropriation Act, which states: "The Secretary shall implement reductions in the Medicaid program as necessary to control expenditures to the level approved in this schedule. The Secretary is hereby directed to utilize various cost containment measures to accomplish these reductions, including but not limited to precertification, preadmission screening, and utilization review, and other measures as allowed by federal law." This rule is adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

#### **Rule**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, adopts the following provisions governing home health services under the Medicaid Program.

1. The bureau reimburses home health agencies for allowable services by establishing the following prospective rates: 1) skilled nursing visits (procedure code X9900) - \$68.65; 2) health aide visits (procedure code X9901) - \$24.38; and 3) physical therapy (procedure code X9926) - \$70.46.

2. The Home Health Agency is required to insure that the families are instructed on a home maintenance exercise program which has been established by the treating physical therapist.

3. The bureau reimburses home health agencies for medically necessary supplies through the Durable Medical Equipment Program which requires prior authorization for the item. Items may be authorized to an existing durable medical equipment provider or to home health agencies which enroll as durable medical equipment providers.

a) Diapers and blue pads are not reimbursable as a durable medical equipment item.

b) Certain supplies for wound care and dressing will be covered under the Durable Medical Equipment Program but will be authorized exclusively for the use of home health agencies when delivering a home health service.

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