

Physician Reimbursement – Hospice

The following chart illustrates how physician reimbursement occurs, depending on the relationship of the physician to the hospice program.

Type of Physician	Type of Service	Source of Reimbursement	Rate of Reimbursement	Who Bills	Applied Toward Cap
Attending, Non-employee	Professional	Medicare Part B	80%/20%	Physician bills Medicare B Carrier	No
Attending, Non-employee	Technical	Hospice Daily Rate	Negotiated with Physician	Physician bills the Hospice	Yes, through daily rate
Attending, Non-employee	Administrative	Medicare Part B	80%/20%	Physician bills Medicare B Carrier	No
Attending, Employee	Professional	Medicare A FI	100%	Physician bills the Hospice	Yes
Attending, Employee	Technical	Hospice Daily Rate	Negotiated with Physician	Physician bills the Hospice	Yes, through daily rate
Attending, Employee (Medical Director)	Administrative	Hospice Daily Rate	Negotiated with Physician	Physician bills the Hospice	Yes, through daily rate
Consulting	Professional	Medicare A FI	100%	Physician bills the Hospice	Yes
Consulting	Technical	Hospice Daily Rate	Negotiated with Physician	Physician bills the Hospice	Yes, through daily rate

Professional Services: Actual procedures and billable care plan oversight services performed by the physician as designated by the appropriate CPT-4 code. These include physician consultation, physician *interpretation* of an x-ray, CT scan, or MRI, or physician *interpretation* of a laboratory test.

Technical Services: Include lab, x-rays, and any other non-professional services performed by the physician or other health care professional.

Administrative Services: Include participating in the establishment, review and updating of the plan of care, supervising care and services, and establishing governing policies (physician member of IDG).

Attending physician, non-employee: The patient designates the physician primarily responsible for his/her care during the election process.

Attending physician, employee: If the attending is an employee of the hospice or volunteers with the hospice (e.g., as medical director or physician member of the IDG) the physician's professional services are billed to Medicare Part A by the hospice.

Consulting Physician: Any physician services other than those rendered by the attending physician are classified as consulting physician services.

Source: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) – March 26, 1998, and 42 C.F.R. Section 418.304.