



Billing for Initial Evaluation for Home Health Services

Sendero Health Plans provides coverage for Home Health Services in accordance with the benefits under the IdealCare and SelectCare Evidence of Coverage found at <https://www.senderohealth.com/members>. In network Home Health Skilled nursing visits, PT, ST or OT initial evaluation services do not require Prior Authorization. In order for a claim to be considered for the initial evaluation, the provider must utilize the following HCPCS Codes for the first encounter:

HCPCS Code	Description
G0159	Services performed by a qualified physical therapist, in the home health setting, in the establishment or delivery of a safe and effective physical therapy maintenance program, each 15 minutes.
G0160	Services performed by a qualified occupational therapist, in the home health setting, in the establishment or delivery of a safe and effective occupational therapy maintenance program, each 15 minutes.
G0161	Services performed by a qualified speech-language pathologist, in the home health setting, in the establishment or delivery of a safe and effective speech-language pathology maintenance program, each 15 minutes.
G0162	Skilled services by a registered nurse (RN) for management and evaluation of the plan of care; each 15 minutes (the patient's underlying condition or complication requires an RN to ensure that essential non-skilled care achieves its purpose in the home health or hospice setting).

This update is effective for dates of service 03/01/2020 and after.