
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

Department of Health &
Human Services (DHHS)
Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS)

Transmittal AB-02-096

Date: JULY 17, 2002

CHANGE REQUEST 2269

SUBJECT: Coverage and Billing of the Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Neuropathy With Loss of Protective Sensation in People With Diabetes

This is a correction to Program Memorandum (PM) AB-02-042, Change Request 2060, dated April 1, 2002.

HCPCS codes G0245 and G0246, for reporting the services under this new coverage, have been revised to describe them more accurately as evaluation and management codes. HCPCS codes G0246 and G0247 have been revised to indicate that they are physician services. The new descriptions are as follows:

- G0245 - Initial physician evaluation *and management* of a diabetic patient with diabetic sensory neuropathy resulting in a loss of protective sensation (LOPS) which must include:
 1. The diagnosis of LOPS.
 2. A patient history.
 3. A physical examination that consists of at least the following elements:
 - (a) Visual inspection of the forefoot, hindfoot, and toe web spaces,
 - (b) Evaluation of a protective sensation,
 - (c) Evaluation of foot structure and biomechanics,
 - (d) Evaluation of vascular status and skin integrity, and
 - (e) Evaluation and recommendation of footwear.
 4. Patient education.
- G0246 - Follow-up *physician evaluation and management* of a diabetic patient with diabetic sensory neuropathy resulting in a LOPS to include at least the following:
 1. A patient history.
 2. A physical examination that includes:
 - (a) Visual inspection of the forefoot, hindfoot, and toe web spaces,
 - (b) Evaluation of protective sensation,
 - (c) Evaluation of foot structure and biomechanics,
 - (d) Evaluation of vascular status and skin integrity, and
 - (e) Evaluation and recommendation of footwear.
 3. Patient education.

- G0247 – Routine foot care *by a physician* of a diabetic patient with diabetic sensory neuropathy resulting in a loss of protective sensation (LOPS) to include if present, at least the following:
 - (1) local care of superficial wounds,
 - (2) debridement of corns and calluses, and
 - (3) trimming and debridement of nails.

Code G0247 must be billed on the same date of service with either G0245 or G0246 in order to be considered for payment.

Short Descriptors – No Change

G0245 – INITIAL FOOT EXAM PTLOPS
G0246 – FOLLOWUP EVAL OF FOOT PT LOP
G0247 – ROUTINE FOOTCARE PT W LOPS

Use of Modifier –25 on Claims Submitted to Intermediaries

Advise your hospitals that modifier –25 must be appended to codes G0245 or G0246 when they are billed with code G0247 to the intermediary. (Codes G0245 and G0246 are additions to the list of E/M services identified in PM A-01-80 (Change Request 1725) under “General Guidelines for Modifier –25.”).

Modifier 25 is not required for physician claims submitted to carriers.

The *effective date* for this PM is July 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 19, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 19, 2003.

If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office. Providers and other interested parties should contact the appropriate carrier or intermediary.