

2019 National Average Medicare Coding and Payment Rates for PICO:

Home Health Agency



Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System

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Home health agencies receive a separate payment for negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) using a disposable device, such as PICO Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System, for Medicare beneficiaries who receive home health agency services under a home health plan of care. These services may be performed by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physical therapists, or occupational therapists that are permitted to perform wound assessments under state law.

The American Medical Association has established two CPT codes for Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (SNPWT): 97607 and 97608

CPT Code ¹	Description	Total Medicare Allowable Rate under OPPS*
97607	Negative pressure wound therapy (eg, vacuum assisted drainage collection), utilizing disposable, non-durable medical equipment including provision of exudate management collection system, topical application(s), wound assessment, and instructions for ongoing care, per session; total wound(s) surface area less than, or equal to, 50 square centimeters	\$314.00
97608	Negative pressure wound therapy (eg, vacuum assisted drainage collection), utilizing disposable, non-durable medical equipment including provision of exudate management collection system, topical application(s), wound assessment, and instructions for ongoing care, per session; total wound(s) surface area greater than 50 square centimeters	\$314.00



NOTES:

- CPT codes 97607 and 97608 should only be reported when a new PICO® NPWT pump, with a 7-day battery life, is furnished to the patient and a wound assessment and instructions for ongoing care is performed by a licensed nurse (RN or LPN), physical therapist, or occupational therapist in accordance with state law. The home health agency should report either 97607 or 97608 on a separate claim using Bill Type 34X (with the appropriate revenue code for the licensed nurse [0559], for the physical therapist [042X], or for the occupational therapist [043X]). Visits performed solely for the purposes of furnishing NPWT using a new disposable device should not be reported on the home health prospective payment system (HH PPS) claim using Bill Type 32X
- If the home health agency furnishes a new PICO NPWT Pump during the course of an otherwise covered home health agency visit (for example, while also furnishing a catheter change), the home health agency must not include the time spent furnishing NPWT in their visit charge or in the length of time reported for the visit on the HH PPS claim using Bill Type 32X. In this situation, the home health agency should submit two claims for this service:
 - A claim for the new PICO NPWT Pump and related service using Bill Type 34X with the appropriate 97607 or 97608 code as described above; and
 - A HH PPS claim using Bill Type 32X, only for the time spent furnishing the services unrelated to the provision of NPWT
- Any follow-up visits for wound assessment, wound management, and replacement of a NPWT fluid management system, where a new PICO NPWT Pump is not furnished, must be included on a HH PPS claim using Bill Type 32X
- Home health agencies' payment for NPWT furnishing a new disposable PICO NPWT Pump as well as a wound assessment and instructions for ongoing care is based on the current year's Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) allowable rate for CPT codes 97607 and 97608. The payment amount for these codes will be subject to the area wage adjustment policies in place under the current year's OPPS. Each home health agency should check with their administration to learn their specific agency's Medicare allowable rate

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Coverage and questions:

Before applying PICO Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System, all HOPD's should confirm or clarify coverage and coding from each patient's insurance plan, as each payer may have differing formal or informal policies or decisions. For assistance with insurance benefit verification, or any questions, call:

1 888-705-0061 | Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 5:30PM EST.

For detailed product information, including indications for use, contraindications, effects, precautions, warnings, and important safety information, please always consult product's Instructions for Use (IFU) prior to use.

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<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS/Hospital-Outpatient-Regulations-and-Notices-Items/CMS-1695-FC.html>

*The national average 2019 Medicare rates for the home health agencies setting are calculated from the 2017 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), November 2018. Any payment rates listed are Medicare national averages that may be subject to change without notice. Actual payment to a hospital will vary based on geographic location and may also differ based on policies and fee schedules outlined as terms in your health plan and/or payer contracts. Payment rates do not account for sequestration.

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