

Payment to Physicians for Home Visits: Effects of Physician Payment Reforms and Relative Value Unit (RVU) Refinement*

1991		1992		1993		
CPT Code	Average Payment, \$	CPT Code	RVU	Average Payment, \$	RVU	Average Payment, \$
90100	37	99341	1.58	48.98	1.72	54.38
90110	42	99342	2.00	62.00	2.30	71.88
90115	47	99342	2.59	80.29	3.00	93.75
90130	29	99351	1.22	37.82	1.36	42.50
90140	36	99352	1.61	49.91	1.74	54.38
90150	37	99353	2.02	62.62	2.22	69.38
90160†	42					
90170†	50					

*CPT indicates current procedural terminology.

†Code was dropped from the current CPT.

This year the American Society for Internal Medicine (Washington, DC) has taken the lead in working with many other physician organizations to develop and put forward a current procedural terminology (CPT) code for physician "Oversight of Care Plan." It is too soon in the process to know whether this particular code will be acceptable to all the groups involved. The Health Care Financing Administration is very aware of this issue and will continue to work with physician organizations toward an equitable solution.

Until then, the growing frail, elderly, homebound population and their families will continue to need access to direct physician care as well as physician supervision of other health

care professionals and paraprofessionals providing patient care in the home.

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Editorial Note

The specialty journals of the American Medical Association and the *Journal of the American Medical Association* have dedicated the November 1993 issues to genetics. The ARCHIVES is pleased to present the following articles on this subject: "Incorporation of Genetics in Primary Care Practice: Will Physicians Do the Counseling and Will They Be Directive?" page 1119, "Ethical and Practical Implications of the Human Genome Initiative for Family Medicine," page 1158, "Primary Care and the Human Genome Project: Into the Breach," page 1179, and "Tomorrow's Prenatal Genetic Testing: Should We Test for 'Minor Diseases?'" page 1187.

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