

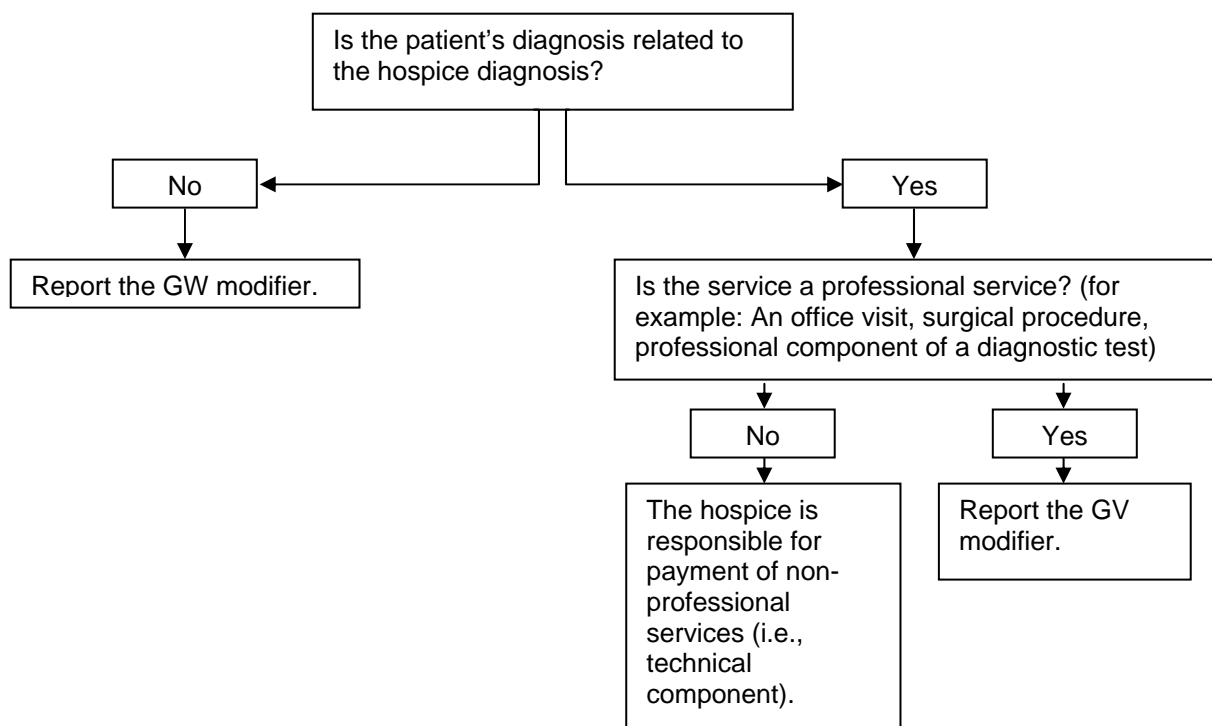
Part B Hospice Modifiers GV and GW

When hospice coverage is elected, the beneficiary waives all rights to Medicare Part B payments for services that are related to the treatment and management of his terminal illness during the period his hospice benefit election is in force, except for professional services of an “attending physician” who is not an employee of the designated hospice and does not receive compensation from the hospice for those services.

For purposes of administering the hospice benefit provisions, an “attending physician” means an individual who is a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy or a nurse practitioner and is identified by the individual at the time he elects hospice coverage as having the most significant role in the determination and delivery of his medical care. The attending physician is not an employee of the hospice and does not receive compensation from the hospice.

The following charts should be used to determine when the services of a hospice patient should be covered and when to report the appropriate modifiers.

The Physician *Is* the Attending Physician



The Physician Is *Not* the Attending Physician

