

## ARE YOU BILLING FOR ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CONVERSATIONS?

**CNN Reported**

Medicare now reimburses doctors \$86 to discuss end-of-life care that covers topics such as hospice, living wills and DNR orders. Known as “advance care planning.”

### Among the findings:

- 99% of doctors said it is important to have these conversations.
- 14% said they had actually billed Medicare for those visits.
- 75% believe it's their responsibility to initiate end-of-life conversations.
- Fewer than 33% reported any formal training on end-of-life discussions with patients and their families.
- 46% said they were unsure of what to say.

**For More Info See:**

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/Downloads/FAQ-Advance-Care-Planning.pdf>  
<http://us.cnn.com/2016/04/19/health/end-of-life-care-discussions/index.html>



# CPT 99497

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION
99497	Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, face-to-face with the patient, family member(s), and/or surrogate
99498	Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code or primary)

***Infinity Hospice Care will have both one-on-one or group training sessions.***

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