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	Change Request 12047

SUBJECT: Quarterly Update to Home Health (HH) Grouper

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This change request provides a January 2021 update to the HH Grouper software to reflect new COVID-related diagnosis code changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2021

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The HH Grouper assigns each claim into a Home Health Resource Group (HHRG) based on the reported claim and patient assessment information, including diagnosis codes. The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) code set is updated annually, effective October 1. Each year, the Grouper contractor, 3M Health Information Systems (3M-HIS), develops a new HH Grouper software package to reflect these updates. Additional HH Grouper updates may be needed if additional ICD-10-CM codes are created throughout the year. This change request implements such an update, to reflect COVID-19 related codes that are effective January 1, 2021.

The HH Grouper and related documentation for each update is located on the CMS webpage at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/CaseMixGrouperSoftware>. Current instructions regarding the HH Grouper are available in the Claims Processing Manual Publication (Pub.) 100-04, chapter 10, section 80.

B. Policy: Version 02.1.21 of the HH Grouper shall be effective for claim From dates on or after January 1, 2021.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S		V M S
12047.1	The contractor shall process HH claims (Type of Bill 032x other than 322 and 320) with From dates on and after January 1, 2021 using HH Grouper version 02.1.21 software.					X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E D I	C M E D I
		A	B	H H H		
12047.2	MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the "MLN Matters" listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.			X		

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
.1	<p>Version numbering scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st two digits - main version number, which increases by one with each October annual update. • 3rd digit - zero-based counter of releases of a version. Each October is zero. Subsequent releases are 1, 2, etc. • Last two digits - the calendar year the release occurs (e.g., 21 for 2021).

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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