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| <b>CMS Manual System</b>                     | <b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>   |
| <b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b> | <b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b> |
| <b>Transmittal 4341</b>                      | <b>Date: August 2, 2019</b>                               |
|  | <b>Change Request 11381</b>                               |

**SUBJECT: October Quarterly Update to 2019 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This notification provides updates to the lists of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that are subject to the consolidated billing provision of the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS).

Changes to CPT/HCPCS codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations will be used to revise CWF edits to allow MACs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF consolidated billing in Chapter 6, section 20.6.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 7, 2019**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

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

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

| <b>R/N/D</b> | <b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b> |
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| N/A          | N/A   |

**III. FUNDING:**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**





### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

| Number  | Requirement   | Responsibility |   |             |             |                  |
|---------|---|----------------|---|-------------|-------------|------------------|
|         |   | A/B<br>MAC     |   |             | D<br>M<br>E | C<br>E<br>D<br>I |
|         |   | A              | B | H<br>H<br>H | M<br>A<br>C |                  |
| 11381.5 | 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              | X |             |             |                  |

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

| X-Ref Requirement Number | Recommendations or other supporting information: |
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**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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