

# CMS Manual System

## Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

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Change Request 4010

**SUBJECT: October 2005 Quarterly Update to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Change Request 3741, Transmittal 527 established a number of new codes for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 28, 2005. These codes have a physician professional component that should be paid separately outside of SNF consolidated billing. CMS must therefore add these codes to the appropriate Common Working File edit in order to allow claims to be paid correctly. Since April 18, 2005, claims for these services for beneficiaries in a Part A SNF stay have not been paid correctly.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :**

**EFFECTIVE DATE : January 28, 2005**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE : October 03, 2005**

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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
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**III. FUNDING:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

Recurring Update Notification

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# Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Change Request 3741, Transmittal 527 established a number of new codes for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 28, 2005. These codes have a physician professional component that should be paid separately outside of SNF consolidated billing. CWF must therefore add these codes to the appropriate Common Working File edit in order to allow claims to be paid correctly. This change shall be effectuated through the recurring quarterly update process for SNF consolidated billing.

**B. Policy:** Section 1888 of the Social Security Act codifies the SNF prospective payment system and consolidated billing. The codes identified in each quarterly and annual update describe the services that are by law subject to SNF PPS and consolidated billing.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)										
		F	I	R	H	C	D	Shared System Maintainers				Other
								I	S	M	V	
4010.1	Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 28, 2005, CWF shall add the following codes to the CWF edits to allow them to pay separately when submitted with the modifier 26:  78459, 78491, 78492, 78608, 78609, 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, and 78816.									X		
4010.2	When brought to their attention, carriers shall reopen and reprocess claims for these services.					X						

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4010.3	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters">www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.			x						

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
CR 3741	New Coding for FDG PET Scans and Billing Requirements for Specific Indications of Cervical Cancer

#### B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

#### C. Interfaces: N/A

#### D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

**E. Dependencies:** N/A

**F. Testing Considerations:** N/A

**V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

<b>Effective Date*:</b> January 28, 2005 <b>Implementation Date:</b> October 3, 2005 <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> April Billingsley, April.Billingsley@cms.hhs.gov <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Regional Office	<b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.</b>
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