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	Change Request 7159

SUBJECT: 2011 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Code System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Update

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Changes to HCPCS codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations will be used to revise CWF edits to allow AB MACs, carriers and FIs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF consolidated billing in Chapter 6, Section 110.4.1 for Carriers/A/B MACs and Chapter 6, 20.6 for FIs/A/B MACs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: *January 1, 2011 IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2011

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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 Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers: No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Common Working File (CWF) currently has edits in place for claims received for beneficiaries in a Part A covered SNF stay as well as for beneficiaries in a non-covered stay. These edits allow only those services that are excluded from consolidated billing to be separately paid. Barring any delay in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, the new code files will be provided to CWF by November 1, 2010.

A. Background:

For Carrier/A/B MAC processing only: By the first week in December 2010, new code files will be posted to the CMS Web site at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/.

For FI/A/B MAC processing only: By the first week in December 2010, new Excel and PDF files will be posted to the CMS Web site at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/. It is **important and necessary** for the provider/contractor community to view the "General Explanation of the Major Categories" pdf file located at the bottom of each year's update in order to understand the Major Categories including additional exclusions not driven by HCPCS codes.

B. Policy: Changes to HCPCS codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations will be used to revise CWF edits to allow AB MACs, Carriers and FIs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF consolidated billing in Chapter 6, Section 110.4.1 for Carriers/A/B MACs and Chapter 6, Section 20.6 for FIs/A/B MACs.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Re	espo	nsi	bilit	y					
		A	D	F	C	R		Shai	red-		Other
		/	M	I	A	Н	i	Syst	tem		
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					R	Ι	F	M	V	C	
		M	M		I		Ι	C	M	W	
		A	A		Ε		S	S	S	F	
		C	C		R		S				
7159.1	The CWF contractor shall accept new Carrier/A/B MAC									X	
	and FI/A/B MAC SNF coding files and process SNF CB										
	claims for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011										
	through December 31, 2011 using these files.										
7159.2	The CWF contractor shall compare the new FI/A/B MAC						·			X	·

	code list for Major Categories I-V to the codes in the current edit. Codes that appear on the new list, but not in								
	the current edit, shall be added to the edit.								
7159.3	After it has compared all codes on the new edit lists to those in the current edits, the CWF contractor shall provide CMS with a list of codes by edit that were formerly on the edits, but do not appear on the new code lists.							X	
7159.4	The CWF contractor shall delete codes from the edits per the CMS determination.							X	
7159.5	Medicare contractors shall continue to respond to rejects and unsolicited responses received from CWF per current methodology.	X	X	X	X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Re	espo	nsi	bilit	y					
		Α	D	F	С	R		Shai	ed-		Other
		/	M	I	A	Н		Syst	em		
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					R	I	F	M	V	C	
		M	M		I		I	C	M	W	
		A	A		Е		S	S	S	F	
		C	C		R		S				
7159.6	A provider education article related to this instruction	X	X	X	X						
	will be available at										
	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly										
	after the CR is released. You will receive notification of										
	the article release via the established "MLN 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 one week of the										
	availability of the provider education article. In										
	addition, the provider education article shall be included										
	in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors										
	are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with										
	localized information that would benefit their provider										
	community in billing and administering the Medicare										
	program correctly.										

IV. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

A. Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: "Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	
	N/A

B. For all other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MyHealthMyMedicare/Downloads/regionalmap.pdf or Medicare Administrative Contractor Project Officer

VI. FUNDING

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