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SUBJECT: October Quarterly Update to 2014 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: January 1, 2014

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 6, 2014

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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	N/A			

III. FUNDING:

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 obliged 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

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The CMS periodically updates the lists of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that are **excluded** from the consolidated billing (CB) provision of the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS). Services **excluded** from SNF PPS and CB may be paid to providers, other than SNFs, for beneficiaries, even when in a SNF stay. Services not appearing on the **exclusion** lists submitted on claims to Medicare administrative contractors (MACs) including durable medical equipment MACS, will not be paid by Medicare to any providers other than a SNF. For non-therapy services, SNF CB applies only when the services are furnished to a SNF resident during a covered Part A stay; however, SNF CB applies to physical and occupational therapies and speech-language pathology services whenever they are furnished to a SNF resident, regardless of whether Part A covers the stay. In order to assure proper payment in all settings, Medicare systems must edit for services provided to SNF beneficiaries both included and excluded from SNF CB.

The updated lists for institutional and professional billing are available at: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/SNFConsolidatedBilling/index.html?redirect=/SNFConsolidatedBilling/

B. Policy: Section 1888 of the Social Security Act codifies SNF PPS and CB. The new coding identified in each update describe the same services that are subject to SNF PPS payment by law. No additional services will be added by these routine updates; that is, new updates are required by changes to the coding system, not because the services subject to SNF CB are being redefined. Other regulatory changes beyond code list updates will be noted when and if they occur.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
			A/B		D	Shared-			Other			
		N	MAC					,				
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				Н	A	S	S	S	F			
					C	S						
8829.1	The contractor shall add HCPCS code Q2050 to File 1								X			
	Coding List for SNF Consolidated Billing for dates of											
	services on or after January 1, 2014.											
8829.2	The contractor shall add HCPCS code G0461 and								X			
	G0462 to File 2 Coding List for SNF Consolidated											

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		A/B MAC		MAC			D M E		Sha Sys aint	tem		Other
		A	В	H H H		F I S S	M C S		C W F			
	Billing for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014.											
8829.3	The contractor shall add Q2050 to Major Category 3. A. for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014.								X			
8829.4	The contractor shall add HCPCS G0463 to the SNF CB exclusion for outpatient bill types 13x and 85x billed with revenue code 0510 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014.								X			
8829.5	The contractor shall terminate HCPCS 97610 in Major Category V. A. effective December 31, 2013.								X			
8829.6	When brought to their attention, for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2014 that have previously been denied/rejected prior to the implementation of this CR, contractors shall re-open and re-process the claims.	X	X									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility		,		
		A/B MAC		D M E	CEDI	
		A	В	H H H	M A C	
8829.7	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/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 sites 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 the contractor's 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.	X	X			

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Jason Kerr, <u>Jason.Kerr@cms.hhs.gov</u>

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

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