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Change Request 3922

SUBJECT: Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits (Codes 99321 - 99350)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This transmittal updates §30.6.14 in Chapter 12, Pub. 100-04, by adding place of service codes (POS) 13 (assisted living facility) and 14 (group home) to be included with the CPT Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services codes. The Domiciliary evaluation and management (E/M) codes shall be used for E/M services provided in these specific places of service. Examples of private residence are added. The POS codes were updated and revised in Transmittal 121, dated March 19, 2004, Change Request 3087, with an effective date of April 1, 2004. The POS codes for assisted living facility and group home were originally added to the POS list with an effective date of October 1, 2003. Carriers need not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retrospectively pay claims.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : April 01, 2004

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : December 5, 2005

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.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
R	12/30.6.14/Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits (Codes 99321 - 99350)

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

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

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Background:** Place of Service (POS) codes were updated and revised in Transmittal 121, dated March 19, 2004, Change Request (CR) 3087. This list included a revision to group home, (POS 14). The effective date for this CR 3087 is April 1, 2004. The POS codes for assisted living facility and group home were originally added to the POS list in a CR with an effective date of October 1, 2003.
- B. Policy:** Current CPT Terminology (CPT) codes 99321 through 99333, Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services, are used to report evaluation and management (E/M) services to residents residing in a facility which provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis. CPT Home Services codes (99341 – 99350) are used to report E/M services provided in a private residence. The Home Services codes shall not be used for POS codes 13 (assisted living) and 14 (group home).

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 I	C H I	D R I	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
3922.1	Carriers shall pay for covered, medically necessary E/M services submitted with CPT Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services codes with POS codes 13 (assisted living facility) and 14 (group home).			X						
3922.2	Carriers shall not pay CPT Home Services codes (99341 – 99350) for E/M services with POS codes 13 and 14. Use MSN 16.2 – This service cannot be paid when provided in this location/facility.			X						

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
3922.3	Carriers shall not pay for CPT Home Services E/M codes (99341 – 99350) for services provided in any type of congregate/shared facility living arrangement including assisted living facilities and group homes.			X					
3922.4	Carriers shall interpret the term “private residence” as a private home, an apartment, town home or other non-congregate/shared facility living arrangement.			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			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
3922.5	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters 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 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 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			X					

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		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	
	billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.									

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: NONE

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: NONE

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: NONE

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: NONE

E. Dependencies: Pub. 100-04, Chapter 26, §10.5, Place of Service Codes (POS) and Definitions

F. Testing Considerations: NONE

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date*: April 1, 2004 Carriers need not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retrospectively pay claims.</p> <p>Implementation Date: December 5, 2005</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Kit Scally (Cathleen.Scally@cms.hhs.gov)</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office Staff</p>	<p>Medicare contractors shall implement these instructions within their current operating budgets.</p>
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30.6.14 - Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits (Codes 99321 - 99350)

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A - Physician Visits to Patients Residing in Various Places of Service

The American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 99321 through 99333, Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services, are used to report evaluation and management (E/M) services to residents residing in a facility which provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis. These CPT codes are used to report E/M services in facilities assigned places of service (POS) codes 13 (Assisted Living Facility), 14 (Group Home), 33 (Custodial Care Facility) and 55 (Residential Substance Abuse Facility). Assisted living facilities may also be known as adult living facilities.

Physicians and providers furnishing E/M services to residents in a living arrangement described by one of the POS listed above must use the level of service code in the **CPT code range** 99321- 99333 to report the service they provide.

CPT codes 99341 through 99350, Home Services codes, are used to report E/M services furnished to a patient residing in his or her own private residence (*e.g., private home, apartment, town home*) and not *residing in* any type of *congregate/shared facility living arrangement including assisted living facilities and group homes*. Home Services codes apply only to the specific 2 digit POS 12 (Home). Home Services codes may not be used for billing E/M services *provided in settings* other than in the private residence of an individual *as described above*.

Those E/M services provided to patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) *or a Nursing Facility (NF)* must be reported using the appropriate **CPT** level of service code within the range identified for comprehensive nursing facility assessments (*CPT codes 99301 – 99303*) and subsequent nursing facility care services (*CPT codes 99311 – 99313*). Use *CPT codes* 99315 – 99316 for *SNF/NF* discharge services. *The Home Services codes should not be used for these places of service.*

The CPT SNF/NF code definition includes intermediate care facilities (ICFs) and long term care facilities (LTCFs). These codes are limited to the specific 2-digit POS 31 (SNF), 32 (Nursing Facility), 54 (Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded) and 56 (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center).

The **CPT** nursing facility codes should be used with POS 31 (*SNF*) if the patient is in a Part A SNF stay and POS 32 (*nursing facility*) if the patient does not have Part A SNF benefits. *There is no longer a different payment amount for a Part A or Part B benefit period in these POS settings.*