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## *2007 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB)*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) or Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in SNFs

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is January 2, 2007.
- Medicare's claims processing systems currently have 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.
- Changes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations are used to revise these edits to allow carriers, DMERCs/DME MACs, and FIs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF CB contained in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual.
- These edits only allow services that are excluded from CB to be separately paid by carriers and/or FIs.
  - **For physicians and providers billing carriers:** By the first week in December 2006, new code files will be posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> on the CMS web site.
  - **For those providers billing FIs:** By the first week in December 2006, new Excel® and PDF files will be posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> on the CMS website.

**Note:** It is **important and necessary** for the provider community to view the "General Explanation of the Major Categories" PDF file located at the bottom of each year's FI update listed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> on the CMS website in order to understand the Major Categories including additional exclusions not driven by HCPCS codes.

## Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5283.pdf>

If affected providers have any questions, they may contact their carrier, DMERC, DME MAC, or FI at their toll-free number, which may be at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website