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Updated Skilled Nursing Facility Help File Available for CY 2004

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Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services

Key Points

- The effective date of instruction is January 1, 2004.
- The implementation date is June 28, 2004.

Note: MLN Matters article MM3252 was revised on March 2, 2007, to reflect that the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) SNF Help File has been discontinued. See MLN Matters article MM4044, available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4044.pdf>, for more details. The information in this document was published prior to MM4044.

- The CY 2004 SNF Help File is now available.
- The SNF Help File is provided annually after HCPCS updates are completed.
- It is also updated when there are significant changes to the HCPCS file.
- The HCPCS file is a large Microsoft Excel spreadsheet which:
 - Specifies the status of over 11,900 HCPCS and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for SNF billing and payment;
 - Allows providers and suppliers to see which services are included in SNF Consolidated billing under Part A;
 - Identifies the basis of payment for services under Part B; and
 - Helps providers and suppliers better understand the fiscal intermediary's (FI's) explanation of edit results on claims.
- More information about this updated file can be found at the links below.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3252.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instructions (CR3252) issued can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R189CP.pdf> on the CMS website.