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Additional Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB)

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who bill Medicare Carriers, Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in SNF stays

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2001.
- The implementation date is January 7, 2008.
- Change Request (CR) 5624 instructs Medicare Carriers, A/B MACs, and DME MACs (effective April 1, 2001) to bypass SNF CB Part B and Part B/DME MAC edits when certain inpatient claims are present on Medicare's history.
- These revisions will allow Medicare SNF CB editing to take into account periods of SNF stays that are non-covered by Medicare Part A when services should be payable outside of CB by the Medicare Part B contractor.
- Medicare Carriers, A/B MACs, or DME MACs will re-open and re-process inappropriately denied claims for dates of service on or after April 1, 2001, through January 1, 2008, when providers bring such claims to their attention.
- Providers should contact their Medicare contractor to have claims re-processed that providers feel were erroneously subject to these consolidated billing edits, and denied. The change will be implemented on January 2, 2008, and claims will be processed correctly as of that date.

Note: CR5624 does not change the policy for SNF CB. It adjusts Medicare's claims systems to be in line with current policy.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5624.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5624) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1289CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.