



## Correction to Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Medicare Severity Long-Term Care Diagnosis-Related Group (MS-LTC-DRG) Weights – JA6552

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**Contractors Affected**

- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

**Provider Types Affected** Long-term care hospitals (LTCHs) submitting claims to Medicare FIs and/or Part A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries, which are paid under the LTCH prospective payment system (PPS)



Change Request (CR) 6552 alerts providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will issue a new LTCH PPS Pricer for the remainder of this FY that contains the revised relative weight table.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- The revised LTCH Pricer will be effective for discharges on or after June 3, 2009.
- The specific dates for the remainder of FY 2009 for LTCH PPS discharges are for those occurring on or after June 3, 2009, through September 30, 2009.
- Medicare contractors will release held claims for processing once the LTCH Pricer is in production.

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- Background**
- In an interim final rule with comment period (IFC) published in the Federal Register on June 3, 2009, CMS implemented revised MS-LTC-DRG relative weights for payment under LTCH PPS for federal FY 2009.
  - The FY 2009 MS-LTC-DRG relative weights were revised due to the misapplication of the established budget neutrality methodology.
  - The revised FY 2009 MS-LTC-DRG relative weights presented in Table 11 of that IFC are effective for the remainder of the FY.
  - Table 11 may be viewed by going to [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/Downloads/FY\\_2009\\_LTC-DRG\\_Weight\\_Table\\_\(CMS-1337-IFC\).zip](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/Downloads/FY_2009_LTC-DRG_Weight_Table_(CMS-1337-IFC).zip) and opening the Excel file that is retrieved at that link.

**Note:** This revision to the FY 2009 MS-LTC-DRG relative weights did not affect the calculation of the geometric mean length of stay and the short-stay outlier threshold for FY 2009 that were presented in Table 11 of the FY 2009 IPPS final rule.

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**Operational Impact** Part A/B MACs and FIs will hold LTCH PPS claims with discharges on or after June 3, 2009, until the updated Pricer is in production.

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**Reference Materials** The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6552.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6552) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1758CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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