



## Revised Instructions for Reporting Assessment Dates under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), and Swing Bed (SB) Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) – JA7019

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**Contractors Affected**

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

**Provider Types Affected** Provider types affected are IRFs, SNFs, and SBs paid under the respective PPS and submitting claims to Medicare FIs and MACs.



- Change Request (CR) 7019 informs providers that the assessment date data element has been removed from the new version of the 837I electronic format.
- Therefore, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised the billing instruction to now require an occurrence code 50, for reporting assessment dates for IRF, SNF, and SB PPS providers, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011.
- *Occurrence Code 50: Assessment Date* is defined as "Code indicating an assessment date as defined by the assessment instrument applicable to this provider type (e.g. Minimum Data Set for skilled nursing). For IRFs, this is the date assessment data was transmitted to the CMS National Assessment Collection Database."

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- IRF PPS will begin using occurrence code 50 to report the date on which assessment data was transmitted to the CMS National Assessment Collection Database.
- Providers should no longer report this date in the service date field on the UB-04 and the 837I electronic version for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011.
- Occurrence code 50 must be reported on all IRF PPS (11x bill types) for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011.
- Medicare will return such claims as unprocessed if the provider fails to include

occurrence code 50.

**Note:** For IRFs, for a revenue code 0024 line containing case mix grouper A9999, instead of inputting the transmission date of the IRF-Patient Assessment Instrument in the service date field (as is required on fee-for-service claims), IRFs should input the discharge date as a default for these informational only claims. As of January 1, 2011, occurrence code 50 is to be used to report this default discharge date, instead of using the service date field.

- For service dates on or after January 1, 2011, SNF and SB PPS providers will append an occurrence code 50 with the Assessment Reference Date) for each Health Insurance Prospective Payment System Code (HIPPS) reported on the claim.
- HIPPS code AAxx (where 'xx' is varying digits) does not need an accompanying occurrence code 50.
- SNF providers must ensure that each HIPPS code reported on the claim is billed in the order in which that level of care is received for the month.
- SNF and SB PPS providers must include occurrence code 50 for each revenue code 0022 on 21x and 18x bill types, except where the HIPPS code reported with the 0022 revenue code is AAxx.
- Medicare will return such claims as unprocessed if occurrence code 50 is not included.

**Note:** Only one occurrence code 50 needs to be reported for 2 (two) HIPPS code lines that both end in the same two digits for the following HIPPS: xxx05, xxx06, xxx12, xxx13, xxx14, xxx15, xxx16, xxx17, xxx24, xxx25, xxx26, xxx34, xxx35, xxx36, xxx44, xxx45, xxx46, xxx54, xxx55, and xxx56, where "xxx" is varying digits.

**Background**

Current Medicare instruction requires IRF and SNF PPS providers to report assessment dates in form locator 45, Service Date, of the UB-04 form or loop 2400, Date and Time Period Assessment Date field, in the current 4010A1 837I electronic version.

**Operational Impact**

N/A

**Reference Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7019.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR7019) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2011CP.pdf> on the CMS website.