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*MMA – Change to the Common Working File (CWF) Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Edits for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) that Elect the Method II Payment Option and Bill Physician Services to their Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for physician services under the Method II Payment option

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2001.
- The implementation date is July 5, 2005.
- A CAH can bill and be paid for physician services without being subject to SNF CB, if the Method II option is used.
- Outpatient claims containing professional services are billed by CAHs on an 85x Type of Bill (TOB) to the FI.
- CAHs must use revenue codes 96x, 97x, or 98x to identify professional fees on an 85x TOB.
- Like professional services billed to the carrier, the specific line items containing revenue codes for professional services are excluded from requirement for CB.
- Claims for CAH inpatient and swing bed services are not affected since these revenue codes, if they appeared on these claim types, do not receive separate payment.
- Since this change is effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2001, Medicare FIs will override the timely filing requirement for such claims and allow them to be processed.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3561.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3561) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R429CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at

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