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Modification to the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) Regarding Ambulance Services Billed on 18x and 21x Types of Bill (TOB)

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and swing bed facilities billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for ambulance services

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is July 5, 2005.
- Swing bed facilities and SNFs should discontinue billing ambulance services on TOBs 18x and 21x.
- CR 3564 removes the ability of revenue code 054x to be accepted on TOBs 18x and 21x.
- Transmittal A-02-085, published September 11, 2002, with an effective date of January 1, 2003, stated that ambulance services could be billed on TOBs 18x and 21x, though no separate payment could be made for such services, since TOBs 18x and 21x receive bundled payments under prospective payment systems.

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