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Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing as It Relates to Certain Types of Exceptionally Intensive Outpatient Hospital Services

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Provider Types Affected

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), physicians, suppliers, providers, and imaging centers

Key Points

- MLN Matters article SE0432 describes SNF Consolidated Billing (CB) as it relates to certain types of exceptionally intensive outpatient hospital services, such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services, Computerized Axial Tomography (CT) Scans, and Radiation Therapy.
- SE0432 was revised on February 18, 2005, to include the following clarifying language:
 - The SNF CB requirement makes the SNF itself responsible for including on the Part A bill that it submits to its Medicare intermediary almost all of the services that a resident receives during the course of a Medicare-covered stay, except for a small number of services that are specifically excluded from this provision.
 - These "excluded" services can be separately furnished to the resident and billed under Medicare Part B by a variety of outside sources.
 - The sources can include other providers of service (such as hospitals), which would submit the bill for Part B services to their Medicare Intermediary, as well as practitioners and suppliers who would generally submit their bills to a Medicare Part B carrier.
 - Bills for certain types of items or equipment would be submitted by the supplier to their Medicare durable medical equipment regional carrier (DMERC).

- Several exceptionally intensive outpatient hospital services that are well beyond the general scope of SNF care plans include:
 - Emergency services;
 - Cardiac catheterizations;
 - CT scans;
 - MRI services;
 - Ambulatory surgery;
 - Radiation therapy;
 - Angiography; and
 - Lymphatic and venous procedures.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0432.pdf> on the CMS website.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services MLN Consolidated Billing website can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> on the CMS website.

The SNF Prospective Payment System Consolidated Billing web site can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFPPS/> on the CMS website.