



## Revised Billing Instructions for Occurrence Span Code 74 for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) No Payment Claims – JA6523

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**Contractors Affected**

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

**Provider Types Affected** SNFs submitting no payment claims (SNF 210 bill type) to Medicare FIs and A/B MACs for Medicare beneficiaries

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- Change Request (CR) 6523 implements revised billing instructions for the use of occurrence span code 74 on SNF Type of Bill (TOB) 210 (SNF Non-covered level of care).

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- CR6523 revises previous instructions indicated in CR5583 that required SNFs to include occurrence span code 74 with the statement covers period of the TOB 210 no pay bill they were submitting in order to allow SNF TOB 210 no pay bill types to process when overlapping previously paid 22x bill types.
  - As of October 5, 2009, SNFs no longer need to use occurrence span code 74 in order for the bypass of the TOB 210 no pay bills Medicare system edits to occur. The Medicare systems will have been revised on that date and this temporary workaround is no longer necessary.
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**Note:** SNFs must continue to use the occurrence span code 74 to report the leave of absence from and through dates as indicated in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 6, Section 40.3.5.2, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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**Background**

- CR5583 required SNFs to include occurrence span code 74 with the statement covers period of the TOB 210 no pay bill they were submitting in order to allow SNF TOB 210 no pay bill types to process when overlapping previously paid 22x bill types.
  - The instruction was a temporary workaround to allow the TOB 210 no pay bill types to process without receiving Medicare system edits.
  - The related MLN Matters® article (MM5583) can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5583.pdf> on the CMS website.
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**Operational**

**Impact** N/A

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**Reference  
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6523.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6523) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1749CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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