



## 2010 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) for the Common Working File (CWF), A/B MACs, Medicare Carriers and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) - JA6619

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**Contractors Affected**

- FIs
- Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)
- A/B MACs
- Medicare Carriers

**Provider Types Affected** Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, DME MACs, FIs, and/or A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries who are in a Part A covered SNF stay



Change Request (CR) 6619 provides the 2010 annual update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for SNF CB that will be used in Medicare claims processing systems.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- By the first week in December 2009, new code files will be posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> on the CMS website.
- Institutional providers should note that this site will include new Excel® and PDF format files.

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- It is **important and necessary** for the provider community to view the "General Explanation of the Major Categories" PDF file located at the bottom of each year's FI update listed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> in order to understand the major categories, including additional exclusions not driven by HCPCS codes.
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Background

- Medicare's claims processing systems currently have edits in place for claims received for beneficiaries in a Part A covered SNF stay as well as for beneficiaries in a non-covered stay.
  - These edits only allow services that are excluded from SNF CB to be separately paid by Medicare contractors.
  - The related policy is contained in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Chapter 6, Section 110.4.1 and Chapter 6, Section 20.6), which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf> on the CMS website.
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The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6619.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6619) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1814CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers can find information related to SNFs and Medicare on the CMS SNF Center at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/snf.asp> on the CMS website.

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