

# Home Health Prospective Payment System (PPS)

## Corrections to the Home Health PPS Final Rule (HCFA-1059-F)

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1. On page 41138, delete the following codes for non-Routine Medical Supplies that have a duplicate Part B code that could have been unbundled and billed under Part B before implementation of PPS. The codes are "A4454 - Tape all types all sizes", "K0137 - Skin barrier liquid per oz", "K0138 - Skin barrier paste per oz", and "K0139 - Skin barrier powder per oz".
2. On page 41138, insert the following codes for non-Routine Medical Supplies that have a duplicate Part B code that could have been unbundled and billed under Part B before implementation of PPS. The codes are "A4554 - Disposable underpads" and "A6248 - Hydrogel drg gel filler".
3. On page 41141, replace the sentence "If a provider is targeted for medical review due to a history of excessive claim denials, it may not be able to submit requests for anticipated payment." with "If a provider is targeted for medical review due to a history of excessive claim denials, it may not be able to receive payments in response to requests for anticipated payment."
4. On page 41165, at the bottom of the middle column, replace "then the MSA or non-MSA at the start of the episode governs the labor adjustment..." with "then the MSA or non-MSA at the end of the episode governs the labor adjustment..."
5. On page 41168, remove the asterisks and corresponding reference because in some instances the selection of N/A at M0825 would be valid for a Medicare patient. For example, a patient returning to home health care after an inpatient stay may not warrant a SCIC adjustment. In this case, the response to item M0825 would be N/A.
6. On page 41173, TABLE 4A.-FY 2000 WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS-PRE-FLOOR AND PRE-RECLASSIFIED is corrected as follows:  
The wage index for Guam should be 0.9611 not 0.7268. The wage index for Virgin Islands should be 0.6306 not 0.6389.
7. On page 41174 and continuing through page 41179, Table 4B, WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS - FY 2000 PRE-FLOOR AND PRE-RECLASSIFIED is corrected as follows:  
The wage index for MSA 0580 should be 0.7749 not 0.9619. The wage index for MSA 0680 should be 0.9619 not 0.9531. The wage index for MSA 1080 should be 0.9061 not 0.9060. The wage index for MSA 4150 should be 0.8223 not 0.8900. The wage index for MSA 6680 should be 0.9437 not 0.9537. The wage index for MSA 7160 should be 0.9855 not 0.8855. The wage index for MSA 7880 should be 0.8684 not 0.8689. The wage index for MSA 8080 should be 0.8615 not 0.8815.
8. On page 41194, there are several changes that need to be made to TABLE 7. -- HOME HEALTH RESOURCE GROUP CASE-MIX CLASSIFICATION DECISION TREE LOGIC. Under the heading "Service utilization domain", in the column titled "Variable", M0170 should be changed to M0175 in both instances. Also in that column, insert M0825 before "Receipt of Therapy".

9. On page 41201 and continuing on page 41202, replace the column heading "Regression coefficient" with "Case Mix Group" for purposes of clarification.
10. On page 41205, revise the heading "Sections 409.100(a)(2), 410.150(b)(19), and 411.15(q)" to read "Sections 409.100(a)(2), 410.150(b)(19), and 411.15(r)". In the paragraph under that section, remove the reference to 411.15(q) and replace it with 411.15(r).
11. Under Part V. Provisions of the Final Rule, on page 41211 under PART 484-- HOME HEALTH SERVICES, there should be an additional conforming amendment as follows:
  12. §484.14  
In §484.14, in paragraph (g), remove the phrase "62 days" and in its place add the phrase "60 days".