

**SNF's Notice to a Hospital Treating a Beneficiary in a Medicare Part A Stay on an Outpatient Basis
(Sample Notification #6)**

Hospital _____

Date: _____

Reason for referral (e.g., emergency room, CT scan, outpatient surgery)

Mr./Ms. (patient's name) _____ is a Medicare Part A covered patient of (name of skilled nursing facility (SNF)) _____ and has been referred to your hospital outpatient department for services that may be covered by the consolidated billing provisions of the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (PPS).

Under the consolidated billing provisions of the SNF PPS, the following services that may be required by the resident should be billed to Medicare as they are excluded from SNF PPS and must be billed separately by the rendering provider (hospital). Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has identified these services by HCPCS code. Please refer to CMS annual and quarterly updates of HCPCS codes used for SNF consolidated billing for a complete list of separately billable services at www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/snfpps/snfpps_pubs.asp.

- Emergency room procedures and supplies directly related and required to complete the procedure or treat the emergency condition.
- Emergency room observation and any ancillary services provided if kept past midnight.
- End stage renal disease services (free standing or hospital based).
- Erythropoietin and Aranesp for ESRD patients on dialysis.
- Physician visits - professional component including interpretation of tests.
- Psychological services - psychologist or psychiatrist.
- Chemotherapy provided for specific HCPCS codes.
- Radioisotope services for specific HCPCS codes.
- Customized prosthetics for specific HCPCS codes.

Note: The following services should also be billed by the hospital directly to Medicare.

<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac catheterization	<input type="checkbox"/> PEG tube placement	<input type="checkbox"/> Lymphatic procedures
<input type="checkbox"/> Angiography	<input type="checkbox"/> MRI/MRA	
<input type="checkbox"/> CT scans	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiation therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory surgery (involving the use of an operating room)

Note: Generally ambulatory surgery codes in the range from 10040 through 69979 are excluded and billed by the hospital. However some minor surgical codes within that range are the responsibility of the SNF.

The Skilled Nursing Facility should be billed for the following services that may be required by the resident.

- Administration of tests or services ordered by the physician - technical component and not listed in the above exclusions, e.g., x-ray, blood transfusion, lab work, modified barium swallow.
- Durable medical equipment.
- Non-emergency procedure not requiring the use of an operating room.
- Orthotics.
- Services incident to physician services.
- Chemotherapy and radioisotope services and prosthetic devices not excluded by HCPCS codes.
- Other services unrelated to the visit.

Please contact (name) _____ at (telephone) _____ at our SNF if there are any questions.

Note: Please list the services provided and return this form to the SNF.

Sincerely,

Facility Administrator