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2013 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Update

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries who are in a Part A covered Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) stay.

Provider Action Needed

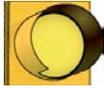


STOP – Impact to You

If you provide services to Medicare beneficiaries in a Part A covered SNF stay, information in CR8037 could impact your payments.

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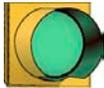


CAUTION – What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8037 which provides the 2013 annual update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing (SNF CB) and how the updates affect edits in Medicare claims processing systems.

By the first week in December 2012:

- Physicians and other providers/suppliers who bill carriers, DME MACs, or A/B MACs are advised that new code files (entitled 2013 Carrier/A/B MAC Update) will be posted at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/SNFConsolidatedBilling/index.html> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website; and
- Providers who bill Fiscal Intermediaries or A/B MACs are advised that new Excel and PDF files (entitled 2013 FI/A/B MAC Update) will be posted to <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/SNFConsolidatedBilling/index.html> on the CMS website.



GO – What You Need to Do

It is **important and necessary** for you to read the "General Explanation of the Major Categories" PDF file located at the bottom of each year's FI/A/B MAC update in order to understand the Major Categories, including additional exclusions not driven by HCPCS codes.

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. Changes to HCPCS codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations are used to revise these edits to allow carriers, A/B MACs, DME MACs, and FIs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing (SNF CB) contained in the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual," Chapter 6 (SNF Inpatient Part A Billing and SNF Consolidated Billing), Section 110.4.1 (Annual Update Process) for carriers and A/B MACs, and Section 20.6 (SNF CB Annual Update Process for Fiscal Intermediaries) for FI and A/B MACs. You can find this manual at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf> on the CMS website.

Please note that these edits only allow services that are excluded from CB to be separately paid by Medicare contractors.

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Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8037 issued to your carrier, FI, A/B MAC, or DME MAC regarding this change may be viewed <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2542CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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