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October Quarterly Update to 2014 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries during a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) stay.

Provider Action Needed

CR 8829 provides updates to the lists of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that are subject to the consolidated billing provision of the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS), effective January 1, 2014. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these HCPCS code updates.

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Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) periodically updates the lists of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that are excluded from the consolidated billing (CB) provision of the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS).

You should note that other providers (not just SNFs) may be paid for services that are excluded from SNF PPS and CB, even for those provided to beneficiaries in a SNF stay. However, Medicare will only pay claims from SNFs (no other providers) that are submitted to MACs (including DME MACS) for services that do not appear on the exclusion lists.

Additionally, SNF CB applies to non-therapy services only when furnished to a SNF resident during a covered Part A stay; however, it applies to physical and occupational therapies, and speech-language pathology services whenever they are furnished to a SNF resident, regardless of whether Part A covers the stay. In order to assure proper payment in all settings, Medicare systems edit for services provided to SNF beneficiaries, both included and excluded from SNF CB.

The updated lists for institutional and professional billing are available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/SNFConsolidatedBilling/Index.html> on the CMS website. The following table displays the HCPCS code updates that CR 8829 provides that are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014.

Code	Description	Action
Q2050	Injection, doxorubicin hydrochloride, liposomal, not otherwise specified, 10mg	Add to File 1 Coding List and Add to Major Category 3.A.
G0461	Immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry, per specimen; first single or multiplex antibody stain	Add to File 2 Coding List
G0462	Immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry, per specimen; each additional single or multiplex antibody stain (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Add to File 2 Coding List
G0463	Hospital outpatient clinic visit for assessment and management of a patient	Exclude for outpatient bill types 13x and 85x billed with revenue code 0510
97610	Low frequency, non-contact, non-thermal ultrasound, including topical application(s), when performed, wound assessment, and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per day	Terminate in Major Category V. A. effective 12/31/13

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Note: If you bring claims to your MAC's attention, they will re-open and re-process claims (with dates of service on, or after, January 1, 2014) that have previously been denied/rejected prior to the implementation of CR8829.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8829 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2991CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net-work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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