



## 2018 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Update

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### PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health & Hospice (HH&H) MACs and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MACs, for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries who are in a Part A covered Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) stay.

### PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

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Change Request (CR) 10262 makes changes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations that will be used to revise Common Working File (CWF) edits to allow A/B MACs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF CB in Chapter 6, Section 110.4.1 and Chapter 6, Section 20.6 in the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual.”

### BACKGROUND

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The Common Working File (CWF) currently has 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 allow only those services that are excluded from consolidated billing to be separately paid. Barring any delay in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, the new code files will be provided to CWF by November 1, 2017.

By the first week in December 2017, new code files will be posted at <http://www.cms.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/>. The files will be applicable to claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. It is **important and necessary** for the provider/contractor community to view the “General Explanation of the Major

Categories” file located at the bottom of each year’s update in order to understand the Major Categories including additional exclusions not driven by HCPCS codes.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The official instruction, CR10262, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R3857CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

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Date of Change	Description
September 8, 2017	Initial article released.

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