



Ensuring Occurrence Code 22 is Billed Correctly on Skilled Nursing Facility Inpatient Claims

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for SNF inpatient services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 10922 which describes systems changes necessary to ensure SNFs bill Occurrence Code (OC) 22 correctly. Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

Medicare's Common Working File (CWF) Maintainer recently discovered that an incoming inpatient claim was applied to the wrong benefit period when OC '22' was submitted incorrectly on a SNF claim in history.

CR10922 will ensure OC '22' is billed correctly so that the CWF can apply the appropriate benefit period.

Note that CR10922 contains no policy changes or new policies, and it improves the implementation of the existing policy in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6 (<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c06.pdf>). As a result of CR10922, your MAC will Return to Provider (RTP) an inpatient SNF claim (Type of Bill (TOB) 21X or swing bed claim with TOB 18X) when all of the following are present on the claim:

- OC '22' and
- OC '22' date is equal to the through date of the claim and
- Patient discharge status code is other than '30'.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10922 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R2146OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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October 5, 2018	Initial article released.

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