



News Flash – The *Swing Bed Fact Sheet* (revised April 2009), which provides information about the requirements hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals must meet in order to enter into a swing bed agreement under which they can use beds, as needed, to provide either acute or Skilled Nursing Facility care, is now available in downloadable format from the Medicare Learning Network at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/SwingBedFactsheet.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website.

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Revised Billing Instructions for Occurrence Span Code 74 for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) No Payment Claims

Provider Types Affected

SNFs submitting no payment claims (SNF 210 bill type) to Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries (FI) and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC)) for Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

Provider Action Needed

This article informs SNFs that CR 6523 implements revised billing instructions for the use of occurrence span code 74 on SNF 210 bill types. As of October 5, 2009, SNFs no longer need to use occurrence span code 74 in order for the bypass of 210 no pay bills Medicare system edits to occur. The Medicare systems will have been revised on that date and this temporary workaround is no longer necessary. SNFs should inform their billing staffs of this update.

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Background

CR 6523 revises previous instructions indicated in CR 5583 that required SNFs to include occurrence span code 74 with the statement covers period of the 210 no pay bill they were submitting in order to allow 210 no pay bill types to process when overlapping previously paid 22x bill types. The previous instruction was a temporary workaround to allow the 210 no pay bill types to process without receiving Medicare system edits. Medicare systems changes have now been made so that SNFs no longer need to use occurrence span code 74 in order for the bypass of 210 no pay bills to occur.

Note: SNFs must continue to use the occurrence span code 74 to report the leave of absence from and through dates as indicated in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6, Section 40.3.5.2 which is viewable at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI and/or 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.

The official instruction issued to your Medicare FI and/or MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1749CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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