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Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update Fiscal Year (FY) 2013

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for SNFs submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries paid under the SNF PPS.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7907 which describes the updates to the payment rates used under the PPS for SNFs, for FY 2013, as required by statute. Be sure your billing staff is aware of these changes.

Background

Annual updates to the PPS rates are required by Section 1888 (e) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare, Medicaid, and Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Balanced Budget

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Refinement Act of 1999 (the BBRA), the Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (the BIPA), and the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (the MMA), relating to Medicare payments and consolidated billing for SNFs.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the SNF payment rates for FY 2013 (that is, beginning October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013), in the Federal Register, available online at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPSP/List-of-SNF-Federal-Regulations.html> on the CMS website. . . The updated methodology is identical to that used in the previous year and will include the MMA reimbursement for beneficiaries with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This update includes new case-mix indexes using the recalculated case-mix adjustments based on actual data. The statute mandates an update to the Federal rates using the latest SNF full market basket. The update can be found in Chapter 6, Section 30.7 of the "Claims Processing Manual" at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf> on the CMS website.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7907 issued to your Medicare FI or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2507CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare FI or A/B 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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