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	<b>Change Request 9748</b>

**SUBJECT: Internet Only Manual Updates to Pub. 100-01, 100-02 and 100-04 to Correct Errors and Omissions (SNF)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this CR is to update the Medicare manuals to correct various minor technical errors and omissions. These changes are intended only to clarify the existing content and no policy, processing, or system changes are anticipated.

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
<b>R</b>	6/10.4/Furnishing Services that are Subject to SNF Consolidated Billing Under an “Arrangement” With an Outside Entity
<b>R</b>	6/10.4.1/“Under Arrangements” Relationships
<b>R</b>	6/20.1.1/Physician’s Services and Other Professional Services Excluded From Part A PPS Payment and the Consolidated Billing Requirement
<b>R</b>	6/20.1.2/Other Excluded Services Beyond the Scope of a SNF Part A Benefit
<b>R</b>	6/20.1.2.1/Outpatient Surgery and Related Procedures - INCLUSION
<b>R</b>	6/30.4.3/Decision Logic Used by the Pricer on Claims

### **III. FUNDING:**

#### **For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

### **IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Business Requirements**

**Manual Instruction**

# Attachment - Business Requirements

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## **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Background:** This CR updates the Medicare manuals with regard to SNF policy to clarify the existing content. These changes are being made to correct various omissions and minor technical errors. No policy, processing, or system changes are anticipated.

### **Pub 100-04, Chapter 6, §10.4:**

The first paragraph of this section is revised by correcting a typographical error and adding an appropriate cross-reference.

### **Pub 100-04, Chapter 6, §10.4.1:**

The second paragraph of this section is revised by adding an appropriate cross-reference and web link.

### **Pub 100-04, Chapter 6, §20.1.1:**

The first paragraph of this section is revised by adding an appropriate cross-reference.

### **Pub 100-04, Chapter 6, §20.1.2:**

The fourth paragraph in this section is revised by adding clarifying language.

### **Pub 100-04, Chapter 6, §20.1.2.1:**

The first paragraph in this section is revised by adding clarifying language.

### **Pub 100-04, Chapter 6, §30.4.3:**

At the end of this section, item 6a is revised to reflect CMS's transition, as of October 1, 2015, from the 9th to the 10th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD).

**B. Policy:** These changes are intended only to clarify the existing content and no policy, processing, or system changes are anticipated.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
9748 - 04.1	Contractors and impacted providers shall be aware of the updates to Pub 100-04, Chapter 6.	X	X								

## III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
9748 - 04.2	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X			

## IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

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**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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## **10.4 - Furnishing Services that are Subject to SNF Consolidated Billing Under an “Arrangement” With an Outside Entity**

*(Rev. 3612, Issued: 09-16-16, Effective: 10-18-16, Implementation: 10-18-16)*

As discussed in §10.1 and §10.3, the SNF consolidated billing provisions (at [§1862\(a\)\(18\)](#), [§1866\(a\)\(1\)\(H\)\(ii\)](#), and [§1888\(e\)\(2\)\(A\)](#) of the Act) place with the SNF itself the Medicare billing responsibility for most of its residents’ services. “Part A” consolidated billing requires that a SNF must include on its Part A bill almost all of the services that a resident receives during the course of a Medicare-covered stay, other than those services that are specifically excluded from the SNF’s global PPS per diem payment for the covered stay. (These “excluded” services, such as the services of physicians and certain other practitioners, remain separately billable to the A/B MAC (B) directly by the outside entity that actually furnishes them.) In addition, “Part B” consolidated billing makes the SNF itself responsible for submitting the Part B bills for any physical therapy, occupational therapy, and/or speech-language pathology services that a resident receives during a noncovered stay (*see §20.5 of this chapter*).

Further, for any Part A or Part B service that is subject to SNF consolidated billing, the SNF must either furnish the service directly with its own resources, or obtain the service from an outside entity (such as a supplier) under an “arrangement,” as described in [§1861\(w\)](#) of the Act and in §80.5. Under such an arrangement, the SNF must reimburse the outside entity for those Medicare-covered services that are subject to consolidated billing; i.e., services that are reimbursable only to the SNF as part of its global PPS per diem or those Part B services that must be billed by the SNF.

Since the inception of the SNF PPS, several problematic situations have been identified where the SNF resident receives services that are subject to consolidated billing from an outside entity, such as a supplier. (In this context, the term “supplier” can also include those practitioners who, in addition to performing their separately billable professional services, essentially act as a supplier by also furnishing other services that are subject to the consolidated billing requirement.) As discussed in greater detail below, such situations most commonly arise in one of the following two scenarios: 1) A SNF does not accurately identify services as being subject to consolidated billing when ordering such services from a supplier or practitioner; or 2) A supplier fails to ascertain a beneficiary’s status as a SNF resident when the beneficiary (or another individual acting on the beneficiary’s behalf) seeks to obtain such services directly from the supplier without the SNF’s knowledge.

The absence of a valid arrangement in the situations described above creates confusion and friction between SNFs and their suppliers. Suppliers need to understand which services are subject to consolidated billing to avoid situations where they might improperly attempt to bill the A/B MAC (B) (or other payers such as Medicaid and beneficiaries) directly for the services. In addition, when ordering or furnishing services “under arrangements,” both parties need to reach a common understanding on the terms of payment; e.g., how to submit an invoice, how payment rates will be determined, and the turn-around time between billing and payment. Without this understanding, it may become difficult to maintain the strong relationships between SNFs and their suppliers that are necessary to ensure proper coordination of care to the Medicare beneficiaries. Whenever possible, SNFs should document arrangements with suppliers in writing, particularly with suppliers furnishing services on an ongoing basis, such as laboratories, x-ray suppliers, and pharmacies. This also enables the SNF to obtain the supplier’s assurance that the arranged-for services will meet accepted standards of quality (under the regulations at [42 CFR 483.75\(h\)\(2\)](#), SNFs must ensure that services obtained under an arrangement with an outside source meet professional standards and principles that apply to professionals providing such services).

However, it is important to note that the absence of a valid arrangement does NOT invalidate the SNF’s responsibility to reimburse suppliers for services included in the SNF “bundle” of services represented by the SNF PPS global per diem rate. As the SNF has already been paid for the services, the SNF must be considered the responsible party when medically necessary supplier services are furnished to beneficiaries in Medicare Part

A stays. This obligation applies even in cases where the SNF did not specifically order the service; e.g., during a scheduled physician's visit, the physician performs additional diagnostic tests that had not been ordered by the SNF; a family member arranges a physician visit without the knowledge of SNF staff and the physician bills the SNF for "incident to" services.

Finally, while establishing a valid arrangement prior to ordering services from a supplier minimizes the likelihood of a payment dispute between the parties, it is not unreasonable to expect occasional disagreements between the parties that may result in non-payment of a supplier claim. However, it is important to note that there are potentially adverse consequences to SNFs when patterns of such denials are identified. Specifically, all participating SNFs agree to comply with program regulations when entering into a Medicare provider agreement which, as explained below, requires a SNF to have a valid arrangement in place whenever a resident receives services that are subject to consolidated billing from any entity other than the SNF itself. Moreover, in receiving a bundled per diem payment under the SNF PPS that includes such services, the SNF is accepting Medicare payment, and financial responsibility, for the service.

Accordingly, these instructions reiterate and clarify the applicable consolidated billing requirements that pertain to SNFs and to the outside suppliers that serve SNF residents.

#### **10.4.1 - "Under Arrangements" Relationships**

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Under an arrangement as defined in [§1861\(w\)](#) of the Act, Medicare's payment to the SNF represents payment in full for the arranged-for service, and the supplier must look to the SNF (rather than to A/B MAC (B)) for its payment. Further, in entering into such an arrangement, the SNF cannot function as a mere billing conduit, but must actually exercise professional responsibility and control over the arranged-for service (see the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, Chapter 5, "Definitions," §10.3, for additional information on services furnished under arrangements).

Medicare does not prescribe the actual terms of the SNF's relationship with its suppliers (such as the specific amount or timing of payment by the SNF), which are to be arrived at through direct negotiation between the parties to the agreement. However, in order for a valid "arrangement" to exist, the SNF must reach a mutual understanding with its supplier as to how the supplier is to be paid for its services. Documenting the terms of the arrangement confers the added benefit of providing both parties with a ready means of resolution in the event that a dispute arises over a particular service. This type of arrangement has proven to be effective in situations where suppliers regularly provide services to facility residents on an ongoing basis; e.g., laboratory and x-ray suppliers, DME supplies, etc. *Suggested model agreements involving arrangements between SNFs and their suppliers are available for review on CMS's "Best Practices Guidelines" website, at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/BestPractices.html>.*

If a SNF elects to utilize an outside supplier to furnish medically appropriate services that are subject to consolidated billing, but then refuses to reimburse that supplier for the services, then there is no valid arrangement as contemplated under §1862(a)(18) of the Act. Not only would this potentially result in Medicare's noncoverage of the particular services at issue, but a SNF demonstrating a pattern of nonpayment would also risk being found in violation of the terms of its provider agreement. Under [§1866\(a\)\(1\)\(H\)\(ii\)](#) of the Act (and [42 CFR 489.20\(s\)](#)), the SNF's provider agreement includes a specific commitment to comply with the requirements of the consolidated billing provision. Further, §1866(g) of the Act imposes a civil money penalty on any person who knowingly and willfully presents (or causes to be presented) a bill or request for payment inconsistent with an arrangement or in violation of the requirement for such an arrangement.

## 20.1.1 - Physician's Services and Other Professional Services Excluded From Part A PPS Payment and the Consolidated Billing Requirement

*(Rev. 3612, Issued: 09-16-16, Effective: 10-18-16, Implementation: 10-18-16)*

Except for the therapy services (*see §20.5 of this chapter*), physician's professional services and services of certain nonphysician providers listed below are excluded from Part A PPS-payment and the requirement for consolidated billing, and must be billed separately by the practitioner to the A/B MAC (B). See below for Rural Health Clinic (RHC)/Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) instructions.

For this purpose "physician service" means the professional services of the physician as defined under the Medicare physician Fee Schedule. For services that contain both a technical component and a professional component, the technical component, if any, must be billed by the SNF for its Part A inpatients. The A/B MAC (B) will pay only the professional component to the physician. For example, the technical component of a diagnostic radiology test (representing the performance of the procedure itself) is subject to SNF CB, whereas the professional component (representing the physician's interpretation of the test results) is excluded and, thus, remains separately billable under Part B.

- Physician's services other than physical, occupational, and speech-language pathology services furnished to SNF residents;
- Physician assistants, working under a physician's supervision;
- Nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists working in collaboration with a physician;
- Certified nurse-midwives;
- Qualified psychologists; and
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists.

SNF CB excludes the categories of practitioner services described above, and this exclusion applies specifically to those professional services that ordinarily require performance by the practitioner personally (see the regulations at [42 CFR 411.15\(p\)\(2\)\(i\)](#) and [415.102\(a\)\(3\)](#)). This means, for example, that an otherwise bundled task (such as a routine blood draw) cannot be converted into an excluded physician service merely by having a physician perform it personally, as such a task does not ordinarily require performance by the physician. This exclusion also does not encompass services that are performed by someone else as an incident to the practitioner's professional service. Such "incident to" services remain subject to SNF CB and, accordingly, must be billed to Medicare by the SNF itself (see §10.3 of this chapter).

Providers with the following specialty codes assigned by CMS upon enrollment with Medicare are considered physicians for this purpose. Some limitations are imposed by [§§1861\(q\) and \(r\)](#) of the Act. These providers may bill their A/B MAC (B) directly.

### Physician Specialty Codes

01 General Practice	02 General Surgery
03 Allergy/Immunology	04 Otolaryngology
05 Anesthesiology	06 Cardiology
07 Dermatology	08 Family Practice
10 Gastroenterology	11 Internal Medicine
12 Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy	13 Neurology
14 Neurosurgery	16 Obstetrics Gynecology

## Physician Specialty Codes

18 Ophthalmology	19 Oral Surgery (Dentists only)
20 Orthopedic Surgery	22 Pathology
24 Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	25 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
26 Psychiatry	28 Colorectal Surgery (formerly Proctology)
29 Pulmonary Disease	30 Diagnostic Radiology
33 Thoracic Surgery	34 Urology
35 Chiropractic	36 Nuclear Medicine
37 Pediatric Medicine	38 Geriatric Medicine
39 Nephrology	40 Hand Surgery
41 Optometry	44 Infectious Disease
46 Endocrinology	48 Podiatry
66 Rheumatology	69 Independent Labs
70 Multi specialty Clinic or Group Practice	76 Peripheral Vascular Disease
77 Vascular Surgery	78 Cardiac Surgery
79 Addiction Medicine	81 Critical Care (Intensivists)
82 Hematology	83 Hematology/Oncology
84 Preventive Medicine	85 Maxillofacial Surgery
86 Neuropsychiatry	90 Medical Oncology
91 Surgical Oncology	92 Radiation Oncology
93 Emergency Medicine	94 Interventional Radiology
98 Gynecological/Oncology	99 Unknown Physician Specialty

## Nonphysician Provider Specialty Codes

42 Certified Nurse Midwife	43 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Anesthesia Assistants (effective 1/1/89)
50 Nurse Practitioner	62 Clinical Psychologist (billing independently)
68 Clinical Psychologist	89 Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
97 Physician Assistant	

**NOTE:** Some HCPCS codes are defined as all professional components in the fee schedule. Fee schedule definitions apply for this purpose.

Effective July 1, 2001, the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) established payment method II, in which CAHs can bill and be paid for physician services billed to their A/B MAC (A). CAHs must bill the professional fees using revenue codes 96x, 97x, or 98x on an 85x type of bill (TOB). Like professional services billed to the A/B MAC (B), the specific line items containing these revenue codes for professional services are excluded from the requirement for consolidated billing.

### RHC/FQHC Instructions:

Effective January 1, 2005, section 410 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) amended the SNF consolidated billing law to specify that when a SNF's Part A resident receives the services of a physician (or another type of practitioner that the law identifies as being excluded from SNF consolidated billing) from a RHC or a FQHC, those services are not subject to CB merely by virtue of being furnished under the auspices of the RHC or FQHC. Accordingly, under section 410 of the MMA, services otherwise included within the scope of RHC and FQHC services that are also described in clause (ii) of section 1888(e)(2)(A) are excluded from consolidated billing, effective with services furnished on or after January 1, 2005. Only this subset of RHC/FQHC services may be covered and paid separately when furnished to SNF residents during a covered Part A stay. Use TOBs 71x and 73x, respectively, to bill for these RHC/FQHC services. See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 13 for additional information on Part B coverage of RHC/FQHC services.

## 20.1.2 - Other Excluded Services Beyond the Scope of a SNF Part A Benefit

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The following services are not included in Part A PPS payment when furnished in a Medicare participating hospital or CAH and may be paid to the provider rendering them.

This exception does not apply if the service is furnished in an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) or other independent (non-hospital) facility, because it specifically addresses those services that are so far beyond the normal scope of SNF care as to require the intensity of the hospital setting in order to be furnished safely and effectively. In transmittals for Part A and B institutional billing providing the annual update list of HCPCS codes affected by SNF consolidated billing, such services are referred to as “Major Category I” of SNF consolidated billing editing. Note that of the types of services listed, only ambulatory surgeries are listed as inclusions, rather than exclusions, to consolidated billing.

- Certain cardiac catheterizations;
- Certain computerized axial tomography (CT) scans;
- Certain magnetic resonance imaging (MRIs);
- Certain ambulatory surgeries involving the use of a hospital operating room or comparable hospital facilities (i.e., the use of a gastrointestinal (GI) suite or endoscopy suite for the insertion of a percutaneous esophageal gastrostomy (PEG) tube). For Part A inpatients, the professional portion of these services is billed by the rendering practitioner to the A/B MAC (B). Any hospital outpatient charges are billed to the A/B MAC (A).
- Certain radiation therapies;
- Certain angiographies, and lymphatic and venous procedures;
- Emergency services; and
- Ambulance services when related to an excluded service within this list (see §20.3 of this chapter for ambulance transportation related to dialysis services).

These relatively costly services are beyond the general scope of care in SNFs, and their receipt has the effect of temporarily suspending a beneficiary’s status as a SNF “resident” for CB purposes with respect to such services. Even though it may be medically appropriate for a beneficiary to be cared for in a SNF while receiving radiation therapy, the SNF is not responsible for paying for excluded radiation therapy itself when the beneficiary receives it as a hospital outpatient. Similarly, angiography codes and codes for some lymphatic and venous procedures are considered beyond the general scope of services delivered by SNFs. The hospital or CAH must bill the A/B MAC (A) for the services. Excluded services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in swing beds subject to SNF PPS are to be billed on TOB 13x by the swing bed hospital.

Services directly related to these services, defined as services billed for the same place of service and with the same line item date of service as the services listed below, are also excluded from SNF CB, with exceptions as listed below. *This language envisions excluding as “directly related” those items and services that are so closely associated with the excluded procedure that it would actually be impossible to perform the excluded procedure itself without them, such as the anesthesia for an excluded ambulatory surgical procedure under*

*§20.1.2.1 of this chapter, or an otherwise bundled diagnostic test when needed to identify the cause of (and appropriate course of treatment for) a medical emergency under §20.1.2.2 of this chapter.*

- Note that anesthesia, drugs incident to radiology and supplies will be bypassed by enforcement edits when billed with CT Scans, Cardiac Catheterizations, MRIs, Radiation Therapies, or Angiographies or surgeries.

In general, bypasses also allow CT Scans, Cardiac Catheterization, MRI, Radiation Therapy, Angiography, and Outpatient Surgery HCPCS codes 0001T – 0021T, 0024T – 0026T, or 10021 - 69990 (except those HCPCS codes listed in Major Category I. F.) to process and pay. This includes all other revenue code lines on the incoming claim that have the same line item date of service (LIDOS).

### **20.1.2.1 - Outpatient Surgery and Related Procedures - INCLUSION**

*(Rev. 3612, Issued: 09-16-16, Effective: 10-18-16, Implementation: 10-18-16)*

Inclusions, rather than exclusions, are given in this one case, because of the great number of surgical procedures that are excluded and can only be safely performed in a hospital operating room setting. It is easier to automate edits around the much shorter list of inclusions under this category, representing minor procedures (*such as debriding a mycotic toenail*) that, *while technically considered “surgery,”* can *nevertheless* be *safely* performed *at bedside* in the SNF itself. Additionally, this was the approach originally taken in the regulation to present this information.

- Note that anesthesia, drugs, supplies and lab services will be bypassed by enforcement edits when billed with outpatient surgeries excluded from SNF CB. The bypass is implemented for these services when the line item date of service matches the line item date of service for the excluded surgery. For revenue codes not requiring a line item date of service (i.e., pharmacy and supplies), the bypass will be implemented when no line item date of service is present.

See §10.1 above for the link to where transmittals providing current lists of HCPCS codes used for Major Category I SNF consolidated billing editing can be found.

### **30.4.3 - Decision Logic Used by the Pricer on Claims**

*(Rev. 3612, Issued: 09-16-16, Effective: 10-18-16, Implementation: 10-18-16)*

The SNF Pricer shall calculate the rate for each line item with revenue code 0022 on a SNF claim. The SNF Pricer shall determine the rate using the following information:

- “HIPPS-CODE” on line item 0022;
- “CBSA”
- Per diem amounts defined within the Pricers as types of rate based on the statement covers “THRU-DATE”:
  - Inpatient rate = Nursing case mix component
  - General service rate = Non-case-mix component
  - Therapy rate = Therapy non-case mix component
  - Rehabilitation rate = Therapy case-mix component
- Labor and non labor percentages based on the statement covers “THRU-DATE”;
- Wage index, “SNF-FED BLEND” year, and “SNF-FACILITY RATE” based on the statement covers “THRU\_DATE”
- Rate adjustments applicable to the specific RUG code;
- Nursing index based on the RUG code;
- Therapy index based on the rehabilitation RUG code;

On input records with TOB 21x (that is, all provider submitted claims and provider or A/B MAC (A) initiated adjustments), Pricer will perform the following calculations in numbered order for each RUG code:

- (1) Multiply the applicable urban or rural inpatient rate depending on CBSA by the nursing index;
- (2) Multiply the applicable urban or rural rehab rate by the therapy index, add to (1);
- (3) For the top 23 RUG categories, add the general service rate to the sum of (1) and (2) for the (non-wage-adjusted) total PPS rate and proceed to step (4); **OR** for the lower 43 RUG categories, add the general service rate to the therapy rate to the sum of (1) and (2) for the (non-wage-adjusted) total PPS rate and proceed to step (4);
- (4) Multiply the sum of (3) by the labor percentage then multiply the product by the applicable wage index and round;
- (5) Multiply the sum of (3) by the non-labor percentage and round;
- (6) Add the product of (5) to the non-labor product in (4) for the (wage-adjusted) total PPS rate.

Conditional Steps completed if applicable after (6):

- (6a) If *ICD-10-CM diagnosis code B20 (or, for services furnished prior to October 1, 2015, ICD-9-CM diagnosis code 042)* is present, multiply (6) by 2.28.