HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facilities Consolidated Billing Enforcement: October 2026 Quarterly Update

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Title: October 2026 Quarterly Update to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement	

What's Changed?

We made no substantive changes to this article other than to update the CR release date, transmittal numbers, and transmittal links.

Affected Providers

- Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs)
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services

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Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about coding updates:

- Angiography, Lymphatic, Venous & Related Procedures Category
- Excluded HCPCS codes
- Vaccines (pneumococcal, flu, hepatitis B, or COVID-19)
- Cardiovascular screening
- Added and terminated codes
- Codes removed from Part B File #1 and kept on Part B File #4

Key Updates

CR 14561 updates the lists of HCPCS codes CMS subjects to the consolidated billing (CB) provision of the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS). We'll use changes to CPT and HCPCS codes and Physician Fee Schedule designations to revise Common Working File edits, allowing MACs to make appropriate payments per SNF CB policy in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6, section 20.6.

As part of this quarterly update, we're correcting the assignment of certain therapy HCPCS codes that we incorrectly included in both the Part B SNF CB Files #1 and #4. When we implement this CR, we'll remove the codes in Table 8 from File #1, but they will remain in File #4.

Medicare Part A & Medicare Part B Updates

Refer to:

- Tables 1–4 for coding additions to the Part A file
- Table 5 for coding additions to the Part B #1 file
- Table 6 for coding additions to the Part B #4 file
- Table 7 for coding terminations from the Part B #4 file
- Table 8 for HCPCS codes removed from the Part B #1 file and kept on the Part B #4 file

Table 1. Major Category I. E. – Angiography, Lymphatic, Venous & Related Procedures

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
1027T	Prq ins/rplc nstm cth vnt pt	July 1, 2026

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Table 2. Major Category I.I. – Additional HCPCS Exclusions

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
C1609	Vert dev motion-preserv	July 1, 2026
1050T	Ins subq hrt fail dcomp mntr	July 1, 2026
1051T	Rmv subq hrt fail dcomp mntr	July 1, 2026

Table 3. Major Category IV.B. – Vaccines (Pneumococcal, Flu, Hepatitis B, or COVID-19)

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
90616	Tirv vacc mrna 37.5/0.38 IM	July 1, 2026
90639	Vacc qirv mrna 50mcg/.5ml IM	July 1, 2026

Table 4. Major Category IV.I – Cardiovascular Screening

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
1036T	N-invas hemodyn asmt plm prs	July 1, 2026

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Table 5. Part B File #1 Updates: Additions

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
1027T	Prq ins/rplc nstm cth vnt pt	July 1, 2026
C1609	Vert dev motion-preserv	July 1, 2026
1050T	Ins subq hrt fail dcomp mntr	July 1, 2026
1051T	Rmv subq hrt fail dcomp mntr	July 1, 2026
90616	Tirv vacc mrna 37.5/0.38 im	July 1, 2026
90639	Vacc qirv mrna 50mcg/.5ml im	July 1, 2026
1036T	N-invas hemodyn asmt plm prs	July 1, 2026
98978	RTM dev sply cbt 16-30	January 1, 2026

Table 6. Part B File #4 Updates: Additions

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
92618	Ex for nonspeech dev rx add	June 17, 2026

Table 7. Part B File #4 Updates: Terminated Codes

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
98978	Rem ther mntr dev sply cbt	December 31, 2025
96110	Developmental screen w/score	December 31, 2011

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Table 8. HCPCS Codes Removed from SNF CB File #1 & Retained on SNF CB File #4

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
90901	Biofeedback train any meth	October 5, 2026
90912	Bfb training 1st 15 min	October 5, 2026
90913	Bfb training ea addl 15 min	October 5, 2026
97129	Ther ivntj 1st 15 min	October 5, 2026
97130	Ther ivntj ea addl 15 min	October 5, 2026
97550	Caregiver traing 1st 30 min	October 5, 2026
97551	Caregiver traing ea addl 15	October 5, 2026
97552	Group caregiver training	October 5, 2026
97597	Dbrdmt opn wnd 1st 20 cm/<	October 5, 2026
97598	Dbrdmt opn wnd addl 20cm/<	October 5, 2026
97605	Neg prs wnd ther dme<=50sqcm	October 5, 2026
97606	Neg prs wnd ther dme>50 sqcm	October 5, 2026
97607	Neg prs wnd thr ndme<=50sqcm	October 5, 2026
97608	Ph1 assmt&mgmt nqhp 21-30	October 5, 2026
97610	Low frequency non-thermal us	October 5, 2026
98966	Ph1 assmt&mgmt nqhp 5-10	October 5, 2026
98967	Ph1 assmt&mgmt nqhp 11-20	October 5, 2026
98968	Ph1 assmt&mgmt nqhp 21-30	October 5, 2026
98970	Nqhp ol dig assmt&mgmt 5-10	October 5, 2026

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Table 8. HCPCS Codes Removed from SNF CB File #1 & Retained on SNF CB File #4 (cont.)

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
98971	Nqhp ol dig assmt&mgmt 11-20	October 5, 2026
98972	Nqhp ol dig assmt&mgmt 21+	October 5, 2026
98975	RTM 1st set-up&pt educaj eqp	October 5, 2026
98976	RTM dev sply resp sys 16-30d	October 5, 2026
98977	RTM dev sply mscskl 16-30 d	October 5, 2026
98979	RTM tx mgmt 1st 10 min	October 5, 2026
98980	RTM tx mgmt 1st 20 min	October 5, 2026
98981	RTM tx mgmt ea addl 20 min	October 5, 2026
98984	RTM dev sply resp sys 2-15 d	October 5, 2026
98985	RTM dev sply mscsk sys 2-15d	October 5, 2026
95992	Canalith repositioning proc	October 5, 2026
96105	Assessment of aphasia	October 5, 2026
95851	Range of motion measurements	October 5, 2026
95852	Range of motion measurements	October 5, 2026
92520	Laryngeal function studies	October 5, 2026
92612	Endoscopy swallow (fees) vid	October 5, 2026
92614	Laryngoscopic sensory vid	October 5, 2026
92616	Fees w/laryngeal sense test	October 5, 2026
29580	Strapping Unna boot	October 5, 2026

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HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Effective Date
29581	Appl multlayer cmprn sys leg	October 5, 2026
29584	Appl mltlay cmprn sys up arm	October 5, 2026
G0541	No pt prsnt train initial 30	October 5, 2026
G0542	No pt prsnt train add 15	October 5, 2026
G0543	Group train w/o patient	October 5, 2026
G2250	Remot img sub by pt, non E/M	October 5, 2026
G2251	Brief chkin, 5-10, non-E/M	October 5, 2026

Background

We periodically update the lists of HCPCS codes excluded from the CB provision of the SNF PPS. We may pay non-SNF providers for services excluded from the SNF PPS and CB for patients, even during a SNF stay. We only pay SNFs for claims submitted to MACs or DME MACs for non-excluded services.

Non-Therapy Services

SNF CB only applies when a SNF resident gets services during a covered Part A stay. However, SNF CB applies to physical and occupational therapies and speech-language pathology services whenever you provide them to a SNF resident, regardless of whether Part A covers the stay. To ensure proper payment, our systems must edit for services both included and excluded from SNF CB when provided to SNF patients in all settings.

We provide updated lists for institutional and professional billing.

MACs won't search their files for incorrectly paid claims for HCPCS codes listed in Business Requirements 1–12 of this CR. However, they'll reopen and reprocess claims you bring to their attention.

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More Information

We issued CR 14561 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your MAC's website.

Document History

Date of Change	Description
September 2, 2026	We made no substantive changes to this article other than to update the CR release date, transmittal numbers, and transmittal links.
August 21, 2026	Initial article released.

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