Updates to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) Claims

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and hospital swing bed providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article informs you of an update to SNF Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) claims processing instructions to adhere to current Medicare policy. Be sure your billing staff know of this update.

BACKGROUND

CR 11992 implements changes to the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS), specifically implementing changes required for the PDPM.

SNFs billing on Type of Bill (TOB) 21X and hospital swing bed providers billing on TOB 18X (subject to SNF PPS) will be subject to these requirements. The CR modifies processing and the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6, to adhere to current policy.

The revised text in both Sections 40.3.2 and 40.6 of Chapter 6 of the Manual reads:

“For claims that contain both covered days and noncovered days, and those noncovered days are the responsibility of the beneficiary (e.g., days submitted for noncovered level of care), the provider should append span code 76 to indicate the days the beneficiary is liable.”
This change modifies existing editing to process and pay claims correctly accounting for SNF interrupted stays that are reported at the end of a month effective October 1, 2019. A SNF interrupted stay is identified as follows:

- TOB = 21X or 18X (excluding CAH) AND
- Occurrence Span Code (OSC) 74 equal to 3 days or less AND
- Date of Service (DOS) 10/1/2019 or later

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**


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

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