Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Claims Processing Updates

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for SNFs submitting Type of Bill (TOB) 21X and hospitals submitting TOB 18X to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs).

Provider Action Needed

This Article tells you about updates to SNF edits to bypass services related to an emergency room encounter when there is a revenue code of 250 on the same claim. CR 12344 also updates certain Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) and Common Working File (CWF) edits for overlapping claims when there is a no-pay hospital claim during an interrupted stay. Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes.

Background

CR 12344 implements changes to correct claims processing edits applicable to the FISS and CWF. The changes also correct hospital overlap edits when billing during an interrupted stay where CMS denied the hospital claim or rejected and you submitted ancillary claim. With these changes, your MAC will allow:

- An emergency room claim (13X TOB with revenue code 45X) to fall within a covered SNF Part A or Swing Bed Stay when revenue code 250 is also present. This is regardless of the line-item date of service (LIDOS) when there is also a covered TOB 21X with Occurrence Span Code (OSC) 74
- Outpatient claims (TOB13X and 85X) with revenue code 51X and an Evaluation and Management (E&M) HCPCS code in the range of 99201-99245 and E&M code G0463, regardless of LIDOS, when there is also a covered TOB 21X with OSC 74, effective January 1, 2014
- Payment for SNF and Swing Bed claims you submit on TOB 21X after a TOB 110 during an interrupted stay
- An ancillary claim (TOB 12x) or outpatient claim (TOB 13X) during an interrupted stay where you bill the outpatient claim following a noncovered inpatient claim
More Information

We issued CR 12344 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. The CR makes no policy changes.

For more information, contact your MAC.

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