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

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	26/10.8/10.8.2/Physician Specialty Codes

III. FUNDING:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

Attachment - Business Requirements

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Physicians self-designate their Medicare physician specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855I or CMS-855O) or Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) when they enroll in the Medicare program. Medicare physician specialty codes describe the specific/unique types of medicine that physicians (and certain other suppliers) practice. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes.

B. Policy: The CMS has established a new physician specialty code for Physician Nutrition Specialist (F7).

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DM E MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
14466 - 04.1	Contractors shall make all necessary changes to recognize and use the new physician specialty code Physician Nutrition Specialist (F7) as a valid primary specialty code or a secondary specialty code.		X		X		X			HIGLA S, IDR, MAP, NCH, RRB- SMAC
14466 - 04.2	Contractors shall update the online parameter (PARM) to include Physician Nutrition Specialist (F7) as a valid home health physician specialty code.	X		X						
14466 - 04.3	Contractors shall update the taxonomy combination to the HxxTTXM1 table in the Multi-Carrier System (MCS) for Part B		X							

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		A/B MAC			DM E MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
	claims processing with the following taxonomy codes for Physician Nutrition Specialist (F7): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 207LP4000X • 207QP0002X • 207RP1002X • 2080P1004X • 2086P0122X 									
14466 - 04.4	Contractors shall assign provider type code 20 for MDs or 21 for DOs, as applicable for your state, to the new specialty code F7.		X				X			MAP
14466 - 04.5	Contractors shall make the necessary changes to recognize and use the new physician specialty code Physician Nutrition Specialist (F7) as a valid specialty code.									PECOS
14466 - 04.6	Contractors shall populate the following extracts with the new physician specialty Physician Nutrition Specialist (F7): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering/Referring/Certifying • Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II Attending and Rendering • Verification of the attending, operating, or other physician or non-physician practitioner listed on a CAH claim is eligible and is enrolled in PECOS • Line level referring NPI fields • Hospice Certifying 									PECOS
14466 - 04.7	Contractors shall recognize the new physician code Physician	X	X	X	X					

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DM E MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
	Nutrition Specialist (F7) as a valid provider type for the following edits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering/Referring/Certifying • Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II Attending and Rendering • Attending, operating, or other physician or non-physician practitioner listed on a CAH claim • Hospice Certifying 									
14466 - 04.8	Contractors shall accept CMS-855I and CMS-855O submissions with the Undefined Physician Type option selected, specifying Physician Nutrition Specialist until the forms and PECOS can be updated with the new specialty. Applications can be submitted up to 60 days in advance of the effective date per existing policy, however, the effective date for applications with the new specialty shall not be prior to 10/01/2026.		X							

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will develop and release national provider education content and market it through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after we issue the CR. MACs shall link to relevant information on your website and follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 for distributing the newsletter to providers. When you follow this manual section, you don't need to separately track and report MLN content releases. You may supplement with your local educational content after we release the newsletter.

Impacted Contractors: A/B MAC Part B

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

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

VII. FUNDING

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ATTACHMENTS: 0

10.8.2 - Physician Specialty Codes

(Rev. 13765; Issued: 05-27-26; Effective: 10-01-26; Implementation: 10-05-26)

Code	Physician Specialty
01	General Practice
02	General Surgery
03	Allergy/Immunology
04	Otolaryngology
05	Anesthesiology
06	Cardiology
07	Dermatology
08	Family Practice
09	Interventional Pain Management
10	Gastroenterology
11	Internal Medicine
12	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
13	Neurology
14	Neurosurgery
16	Obstetrics/Gynecology
17	Hospice and Palliative Care
18	Ophthalmology
19	Oral Surgery (dentists only)
20	Orthopedic Surgery
21	Cardiac Electrophysiology
22	Pathology
23	Sports Medicine
24	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
25	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
26	Psychiatry
27	Geriatric 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
70	Single or Multispecialty Clinic or Group Practice
72	Pain Management
76	Peripheral Vascular Disease
77	Vascular Surgery
78	Cardiac Surgery
79	Addiction Medicine
81	Critical Care (Intensivists)
82	Hematology
83	Hematology/Oncology

Code	Physician Specialty
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
C0	Sleep Medicine
C3	Interventional Cardiology
C5	Dentist
C6	Hospitalist
C7	Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology
C8	Medical Toxicology
C9	Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy
D3	Medical Genetics and Genomics
D4	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
D7	Micrographic Dermatologic Surgery
D8	Adult Congenital Heart Disease
E1	Marriage and Family Therapist
E2	Mental Health Counselors
E3	Dental Anesthesiology
E4	Dental Public Health
E5	Endodontics
E6	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
E7	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
E9	Oral Medicine
F1	Orofacial Pain
F2	Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
F3	Pediatric Dentistry
F4	Periodontics
F5	Prosthodontics
F6	Epileptologists
<i>F7</i>	<i>Physician Nutrition Specialist</i>