

SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF)

Type of Service	Billing Information	Manual Reference
Residents in Covered Part A Stays – Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS)		
Ambulance services, with the exception of specific exclusions	SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Claims Administration Contractor (Medicare Contractor). Provider based and independent ambulance company: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 6 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
Office visits	Visits furnished by Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or physician: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. For additional information about SNF consolidated billing (CB) bundling guidelines, see the Resources section on page 32.	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 7 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
Hospital services	SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. For additional information about SNF CB bundling guidelines, see the Resources section on page 32.	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 3 and 6 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
Telehealth services	Originating site located in a rural Health Professional Shortage Area or county outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor for originating site facility fee on Type of Bill (TOB) 22X; and • Shows separately on bill. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 12 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 15
Preventive services	SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor on TOB 22X. For additional information about SNF CB bundling guidelines, see the Resources section on page 32. For additional information about preventive services, see the Skilled Nursing Facility Residents in Non-Covered Stays or Outpatients – Preventive Services section on pages 26-28.	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 18

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Services Excluded from Part A SNF PPS		
Services of physicians, other than PT, OT, and SLP services Hospice care related to a terminal condition	Servicing provider, non-physician practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 6 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
The following exceptionally intensive types of outpatient hospital services are not excluded when furnished in other, freestanding (nonhospital) settings (such as Ambulatory Surgical Centers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac catheterization, emergency, and angiography services • Computed tomography scans • Magnetic resonance imaging • Radiation therapy • Ambulatory services involving use of a hospital operating room • Lymphatic and venous procedures 	If furnished in a hospital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, services are not separately payable.	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 6 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
Part B dialysis services Erythropoietin (EPO) for certain dialysis patients	Renal dialysis facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. If furnished in SNF, bundled to PPS payment.	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 6 and 7
Services of physicians or certain non-physician providers at RHCs or FQHCs	Professional component: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 6

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Ambulance services	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 6
Office visits	Servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapter 7 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
Hospital services	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 3 and 6 “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 8
Diagnostic X-ray tests, including portable X-ray tests Diagnostic laboratory tests Other diagnostic tests	Technical component, if furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Some radiological procedures are excluded from SNF PPS.	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 7 and 13
Laboratory tests	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 7 and 16
Durable medical equipment (DME)	SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills as a supplier to DME Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). However, Part B does not cover DME furnished to SNF residents, as a SNF cannot be considered a patient’s home for this purpose; • May only bill prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies (not DME) to DME MAC and only when these items are excluded from CB; and • Must qualify and enroll as a supplier with the National Supplier Clearinghouse to bill DME MAC for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies. 	“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 7 and 20

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Orthotic and prosthetic devices Supplies	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 7
Part B PT, OT, or SLP services	SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor; and • For patients in non-covered stays, therapies must be billed by SNF. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapters 5 and 6 "Medicare Benefit Policy Manual" Chapter 15
Drugs and biologicals, including immunosuppressive drugs for renal transplant patients	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 7
Audiologic function tests	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 7
Preventive Services		
Screening mammography services Pelvic screening examinations	Technical component, if furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Cardiovascular screening Diabetes screening Screening Pap tests	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18

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Preventive Services		
Initial Preventive Physical Examinations (IPPE) Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening are included for at risk patients	Technical component, if furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Hepatitis B vaccines	SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor for vaccine plus administration. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Colorectal cancer screenings Prostate cancer screenings Bone mass measurements (BMM)	Screening colonoscopies furnished in SNF are not covered. SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills for colonoscopies furnished in a hospital. Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Glaucoma screenings	All provider types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No separable technical component. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Intensive behavioral therapy (IBT) for obesity	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18

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Preventive Services		
Annual Wellness Visits (AWV)	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18
Counseling to prevent tobacco use for asymptomatic patients	Services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. 	"Medicare Claims Processing Manual" Chapter 18

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SNF Part B for Residents in a Covered Part A Stay		
Preventive Services		
<p>Diabetes Self-Management Training services</p> <p>Screening mammography services</p> <p>Pelvic screening examinations</p> <p>Cardiovascular screening tests</p> <p>Diabetes screening tests</p> <p>Screening Pap tests</p> <p>IPPEs, including AAA screening for at risk patients</p> <p>Vaccinations</p> <p>Colorectal cancer screenings – Screening colonoscopies are not covered when furnished in a SNF</p> <p>Prostate cancer screenings</p> <p>BMMs</p> <p>Glaucoma screenings</p> <p>IBT for obesity</p> <p>AWVs</p> <p>Counseling to prevent tobacco use for asymptomatic patients</p>	<p>Part A residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. <p>For all others, services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills Medicare Contractor. <p>Otherwise, servicing provider, practitioner, or supplier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills Medicare Contractor. <p>During non-covered SNF stays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per CB rules, only PT, OT, and SLP services must be billed by SNF to Medicare Contractor. <p>Non-therapy services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF bills only services furnished by (or under arrangements made by) SNF itself. <p>All provider types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No separable technical component. 	<p>“Medicare Claims Processing Manual” Chapters 7, 13, 18, and 32</p> <p>“Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” Chapter 15</p>