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PROGRAM AREA: HCPCS Codes for SNFs

SUBJECT: 2008 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) for the Common Working File (CWF), Medicare Carriers and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

APPLIES TO: Contractors and Providers

I. SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT: Changes to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations will be used to revise CWF edits to allow carriers and FIs to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF consolidated billing in Chapter 6, Section 110.4.1 for Carriers and Chapter 6, Section 20.6 for FIs.

II. CHANGES IN POLICY INSTRUCTIONS: (If not applicable, indicate N/A)

STATUS: R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED.

Status	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

III. CLEARANCES:

Clearance & Point of Contact (POC)	Name/Telephone/Component
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IV. TYPE (Check appropriate boxes for type of guidance)

	Audit Guide
X	Change Request
	HPMS
	Joint Signature Memorandum/Technical Director Letter
	Manual Transmittal/Non-Change Request
	State Medicaid Director Letters
	Other

V. STATUTORY OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY: N/A

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	D M E R C	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
								F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	codes in the current edit.											
5696.2.1	Codes that appear on the new list, but not in the current edit, shall be added to the edit by the CWF contractor.											X
5696.3	After it has compared all codes on the new edit lists to those in the current edits, the CWF contractor shall provide CMS with a list of codes by edit that were formerly on the edits, but do not appear on the new code lists.											X
5696.4	The CWF contractor shall delete codes from the edits per the CMS determination.											X
5696.5	Carriers, DMERCS, DME MACS and FIs shall continue to respond to rejects and unsolicited responses received from CWF per current methodology.	X	X	X	X	X						
5696.6	Carriers, DMERCS, DME MACS and FIs shall reopen and reprocess any claims brought to their attention for services that prior to this update were mistakenly not considered to be excluded from consolidated billing and therefore, not separately payable.	X	X	X	X	X						
5696.6.1	Contractors need not search claims history to identify these claims. Any of these changes will be listed on the web sites.	X	X	X	X	X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	D M E R C	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
								F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
5696.7	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next	X	X	X	X	X						

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								F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.											

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
N/A	

B. For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional Office

VI. FUNDING

A. For Fiscal Intermediaries, Carriers, and the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC):

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2008 operating budgets.

B. For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC):

The contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the Statement of Work (SOW). The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the contracting officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the contracting officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.