



Quarterly Update to Home Health (HH) Grouper

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Home Health (HH) services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article informs you of the January 2021 update to the HH Grouper software to reflect new COVID-19-related diagnosis code changes. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

The HH Grouper assigns each claim into a Home Health Resource Group (HHRG) based on the reported claim and patient assessment information, including diagnosis codes. The ICD-10-CM code set is updated annually, effective October 1. Each year, the Grouper contractor, 3M Health Information Systems (3M-HIS), develops a new HH Grouper software package to reflect these updates.

Additional HH Grouper updates may be needed if additional ICD-10-CM codes are created throughout the year. MACs will process HH claims (Type of Bill 032x other than 322 and 320) with From dates on and after January 1, 2021 using HH Grouper version 02.1.21.

The HH Grouper and related documentation for each update is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/CaseMixGrouperSoftware>. Current instructions regarding the HH Grouper are available in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, [Chapter 10](#), Section 80.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 12047, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10433cp.pdf>.

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

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
December 30, 2020	Initial article released.

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