



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

CR 11839 announces the October update to the HH Grouper software to reflect annual diagnosis code changes. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

The HH Grouper assigns each claim into an HH Resource Group (HHRG) based on the reported claim and beneficiary assessment information, including diagnosis codes. The International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) code set is updated annually, effective October 1. Each year, 3M Health Information Systems (3M-HIS) (the Grouper Contractor) develops a new HH Grouper software package to reflect these updates.

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

Version 02.0.20 of the HH Grouper is effective for claims with “From” dates on or after October 1, 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11839, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10176cp.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
June 12, 2020	Initial article released.

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