



Quarterly Update to Home Health (HH) Grouper

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Home Health (HH) services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

This Article tells you there's an October 2021 update to the HH Grouper software to reflect annual diagnosis code changes. Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

Background

The HH Grouper assigns each claim into a HH 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. CR 12303 implements this annual update. Additional HH Grouper updates may be needed if more CD-10-CM codes are created throughout the year.

Find the [HH Grouper and related documentation](#) on the CMS website. Current instructions for the HH Grouper are in the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 10, Section 80](#).

Version 03.0.21 of the HH Grouper will be effective for claims with From dates on or after October 1, 2021.

More Information

We issued [CR 12303](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

Document History

Date of Change	Description
June 11, 2021	Initial article released.

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