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Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
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	Change Request 12829

SUBJECT: 2023 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Update

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to identify the changes to HCPCS codes and explain how Medicare Physician Fee Schedule designations will be used to revise Common Working File (CWF) edits to allow A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to make appropriate payments in accordance with policy for SNF CB in Chapter 6, Section 110.4.1 for A/B MACs (B) and Chapter 6, Section 20.6 for A/B MACs (A).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2023

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2023

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. 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.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	applicable SNF coding files when identified by CMS.										
12829.3	The CWF contractor shall compare the new A/B MAC (A) code list for Major Categories I-V to the codes in the current edit. Codes that appear on the new list, but not in the current edit, shall be added to the edit.										X
12829.4	After comparing 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
12829.5	The CWF contractor shall delete codes from the edits per CMS' determination.										X
12829.6	Medicare contractors shall continue to respond to rejects and unsolicited responses received from CWF per current methodology.	X	X	X	X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
12829.7	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will market provider education content through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after CMS releases the CR. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 instructions for distributing the MLN Connects newsletter information to providers and link to relevant information on your website. You may supplement MLN content with your local information after we release the MLN Connects newsletter. Subscribe to the “MLN Connects” listserv to get MLN content notifications. You don’t need to separately track and report MLN content releases when you distribute MLN Connects newsletter content per the manual section referenced above.	X	X	X	X	

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

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

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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