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	Change Request 12621

SUBJECT: User Enhancement Change Request (UECR): Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) Reason Code 31849

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this UECR is to modify the SNF PDPM editing in FISS to be more efficient and prevent incorrect payments. Reason code 31849 will be modified to reduce unnecessary claim suspension and unneeded history retrieval requests. To reduce incorrect PDPM prior days calculation, a new reason code will be created to assign when the incoming claim should be billed as a new admission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2023

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 3, 2023

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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:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: FISS created reason code 31849 to suspend incoming SNF PDPM claims when one or more claims in the same inpatient stay are offline. The reason code unnecessarily suspends some claims when retrieval of the offline claim(s) is not necessary.

When an interrupted stay or change in level of care greater than three (3) days is present in the prior claim, the incoming claim should be returned to the provider to bill as a new stay. A new SNF inpatient stay is necessary to ensure correct payment to the provider. Currently, there is not a reason code in FISS to identify when the incoming claim is incorrectly billed as a continuation of an existing stay.

B. Policy: There is no policy impact. This is a MAC enhancement to improve reason code assignment and reduce unnecessary claim retrievals.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

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	
12621.1	FISS shall modify reason code 31849 to not assign on SNF PDPM claims when any of the following conditions exist: Incoming claim contains condition code 20 or 21 OR History claim with the same admission date and through date 1 day less than the incoming claim from date is rejected, returned to provider or denied (reason code 38119 should continue to assign).					X				

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12621.2	FISS shall create a new reason code to assign to SNF PDPM claims without condition code 21 when the prior claim is a no-pay claim that is greater than 3 days and has the same admit date as the incoming claim.					X					
12621.3	MACs shall return (RTP) claims when the new reason code is assigned to allow the provider to confirm a new admission is/isn't appropriate.	X									
12621.3.1	FISS shall make the new reason code overridable.					X					
12621.3.1.1	MACs shall override the new reason code if a SNF provider confirms that the claim is billed correctly and a new admission isn't appropriate.	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		
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Rita Hazlip, 410-786-5755 or Rita.Hazlip@cms.hhs.gov

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

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