



SUN SOLUTIONS  
CONSULTING

SunSolutions · **SPOTLIGHT**

News Break

March 5, 2013 Issue

## SNF Claims Processing Manual Clarifications

### Background

On October 26th 2012 CMS released Medicare manual updates that contain key components of SNF claims consolidated billing provisions and claims processing. CMS indicated that the manual changes effective April 1, 2013 are intended only to **clarify and not change** existing policies. The manual updates and selections are as followed:

Chapters 1 and 3 of the "Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual" are revised to explain that the various Part A benefit categories are subject to separate and mutually exclusive day limits and explain the start and the end of a benefit period in a SNF.

Chapter 6 of the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" is revised to clarify the meaning of Part B Consolidated Billing (CB) and a SNF and explains that the SNF CM includes certain practitioner services, emergency services performed in hospitals, hospice services, certain chemotherapy drugs, ambulance services, vaccines, certain therapy services, and certain dialysis services.

Chapters 8 and 15 of the "Medicare Benefit Policy Manual" are revised to clarify the conditions under which SNF services may be covered; daily skilled services is clarified to mean that, unless there is a legitimate medical need for scheduling a skilled service each day, the "daily basis" requirement for SNF coverage would not be met; for rental and purchase of DME for home use, assisted living facilities, and intermediate



### Medicare Services

Contact **SunSolutions Consulting** to ensure your team is efficient with Medicare updates:

- Operations Quality Assessment
- PPS Review and Training
- Certification Application Assistance
- Program Start-up Training
- PPS Case Management Analysis
- Part B Operations Assessment
- Part A & B Compliance Chart Audit
- Scholar Training

Call today to schedule -  
**800-728-8808**

Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded are provided as specific examples of a type of institution that is not a hospital or SNF and, therefore, can meet the definition of a beneficiary's "home" in this context.

### *Additional Information*

The transmittal for the "Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual" is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R80GI.pdf> on the CMS website.

The transmittal for the "Medicare Benefit Policy Manual" is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R161BP.pdf> on the CMS website.

The transmittal for the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2573CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The revised manual chapters are attached to these transmittals.

Visit the new CMS webpage to learn more:

<http://www.cms.gov/>

Visit us @ [www.sunsolutionsconsulting.com](http://www.sunsolutionsconsulting.com)

### **SNF and ALF Consulting Services**

- Seminars
- Teleconferences
- On-site Visits to Optimize Medicare Results

Improve revenue and rate drivers, survey process success, case mix solutions, regulatory compliance, market analysis, census development, as well as other customized clinical, financial and operational consulting.

*Call and we will strategize!*



### **Contact Info**

Contact SunSolutions Consulting at [GRSBusDev@genesishcc.com](mailto:GRSBusDev@genesishcc.com) or toll free - 800-728-8808 for a listing of products, services or to schedule an educational seminar/teleconference.

**March 5, 2013,**