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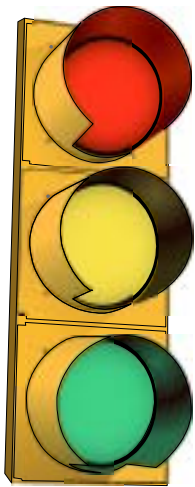
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MMA - Section 511 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 Special Adjustment for Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Rates for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Provider Types Affected

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF).

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

Section 511 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) increases by 128% the per diem Resource Utilization Group (RUG) payment for an SNF resident with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This increase will apply to services furnished on or after October 1, 2004. Claims with diagnosis code 042 will receive the additional payment.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

No payment will be made under section 101(a) of the Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (BBRA) or under section 314(a) of the Benefits Improvement & Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) for SNF AIDS residents.

GO – What You Need to Do

Please note the effective date and correct diagnosis code provided above to ensure accurate processing of claims pertaining to SNF residents with AIDS.

Background

Section 101(a) of the BBRA (1999) and Section 314(a) of the BIPA (2000) provide additional payments to SNFs for certain RUG groups. In recognition of the additional costs associated with SNF AIDS residents, Section 511 of the MMA amends paragraph (12) of section 1888(e) (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)) to provide a special payment adjustment for care of such residents.

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This increase will apply to services furnished on or after October 1, 2004. As of the effective date, claims with diagnosis code 042 will receive the additional payment for SNF residents with AIDS and no payment will be made under section 101(a) of the BBRA or under section 314(a) of the BIPA for SNF AIDS residents.

Additional Information

The toll free number for your intermediary may be found online at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>

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