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## *Revised Updated Skilled Nursing Facility NO PAY File for July 2004*

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers

### Provider Action Needed

This instruction replaces Change Request (CR) 3275, Transmittal 182, which was issued on May 17, 2004.

### Background

As part of the implementing legislation for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS), the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires that all Part B services provided to SNF residents be paid on any existing fee schedule. Additionally, there are certain services that should not be paid to SNFs. The HCPCS codes for these services are provided to Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) annually, with quarterly updates as necessary.

As part of its support of SNF Consolidated Billing (CB), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided the FIs with an SNF NO PAY File. This file, initially released November 1, 2002 for April 1, 2003 implementation, contains Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that cannot be paid to a SNF.

CMS also provides an SNF Abstract of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to FIs to facilitate their pricing of Part B services billed by SNFs. Fee schedule updates are always effective January 1 of the applicable calendar year.

As a result of this instruction, the SNF NO PAY File is updated with two HCPCS code changes effective July 1, 2004 as follows:

- HCPCS code G0104 is now payable to an SNF as a result of a change in Medicare edits for colorectal screening; and
- HCPCS code G0329 has been added to the therapy list in place of HCPCS code G0295, which remains non-covered for Medicare.

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## Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is July 6, 2004.

## Related Instructions

The official version of this instruction was issued to your FI and it can be found by going to:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm\\_date\\_dsc.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp)

On that website page, look for CR3338 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR.

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