
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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SUBJECT: New Patient Status Code 64

Effective for discharges on or after October 1, 2002, the National Uniform Billing Committee has approved a new patient status (PS) code for Field Locator (FL) 22 or electronic equivalent of the UB-92.

64 Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid but not certified under Medicare.

The FL 22 is a required field for all Part A inpatient, skilled nursing facilities (SNF), hospice, inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF), and outpatient hospital services and indicates the patient's status as of the "Through" date of the billing period.

The PS code 64 does not affect payment for acute care hospitals, SNFs, hospices, or outpatient hospitals, but these facilities are still required to use this code when appropriate. For standard system assignment of review codes in the inpatient pricer, 64 should be treated like PS code 04.

When IRFs use PS code 64, their payment will be affected under the transfer provision of IRF PPS. Previously, IRF providers were instructed to code PS code 03, whether the nursing facility was a Medicare or Medicaid certified nursing facility. (See Program Memorandum A-01-110, dated September 14, 2001.) Now, providers will code 03 when discharging/transferring to a SNF and 64 when discharging/transferring to a Medicaid-only nursing facility. The applicable transfer PS codes for IRF PPS are 02, 03, 61, 62, 63, and 64.

Inform providers you service of these changes.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2003.

If you have any questions, contact your regional office.