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SUBJECT: Additional Remark Code for Claims of Therapy Services Possibly Subject to Home Health Consolidated Billing

There may be situations in which a beneficiary is under a home health plan of care, but the Common Working File (CWF) does not yet have a record of either a request for anticipated payment (RAP) or a home health claim for the episode of care. To help inform therapy providers that the services they performed may be subject to consolidated billing, provide the following remark code on the remittance advice for the conditions noted.

Remark Code		Conditions for Use
Number	Message	
N116	This payment is being made conditionally because the service was provided in the home, and it is possible that the patient is under a home health episode of care. When a patient is treated under a home health episode of care, consolidated billing requires that certain therapy services and supplies, such as this, be included in the home health agency's (HHA's) payment. This payment will need to be recouped from you if we establish that the patient is concurrently receiving treatment under an HHA episode of care.	<p>Provide this message on a remittance advice when CWF indicates that the service is payable, and all three of the following conditions are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The place of service is "12 home." 2. The HCPCS code is a therapy code subject to home health consolidated billing (refer to the most recent PM announcing affected services and codes). 3. The CWF has not returned a message indicating the presence of a RAP.

Provide this information to your providers as soon as possible via your Web site and next regularly scheduled bulletins.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2003.

If you have any questions, contact your regional office representative.