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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2069

**SUBJECT: Clarification of PM-A-01-86, New Patient Status Codes 62 and 63**

Effective January 1, 2002, it is appropriate for all providers (including acute care providers) billing on the UB-92 (Field Locator 22) or electronic equivalent to bill Patient Status Codes 62 and 63. If you are holding claims in suspense because providers, other than inpatient rehabilitation providers, are billing 62, release these claims and process accordingly. From January 1, 2002, to the present, if you have instructed an acute care provider to code Patient Status Code 02 instead of 62, and have already processed such claims, you must adjust these claims and correct payment where appropriate. You must also educate your providers that 62 is appropriate when discharging/transferring to an inpatient rehabilitation facility or unit.

Under inpatient prospective payment system, 62 and 63 will work like 05 in the Post-Acute Care Transfer Policy for those 10 DRGs. The PS code 05 continues to be valid, but inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units and long term care hospitals have been pulled from that definition.

Effective immediately, The National Uniform Billing Committee has approved a change in the definition of 62 to clarify some of the confusion that surrounded the word "another" in the previous definition. The PS code 62 now reads:

62 Discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility including distinct part units of a hospital.

The PS Code 63 refers to discharges/transfers to long term care hospitals. Long term care hospitals are certified under Medicare as short-term acute care hospitals and have an average inpatient length of stay of greater than 25 days. Their provider number ranges are between XX2000 – XX2299.

Inform providers you service of these changes.

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

**The *implementation date* for this PM is March 22, 2002.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2003.**

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