

## **Consolidated Billing**

#### Overview

 In the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Congress mandated that payment for the majority of services provided to beneficiaries in a Medicare covered SNF stay be included in a bundled prospective payment made through the Part A Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) to the SNF



# Consolidated Billing of Bundled Services

 These bundled services are required to be billed by the SNF to the Part A MAC in a consolidated bill. No longer would entities that provided these services to beneficiaries in a SNF stay be able to bill separately for those services



#### Covered Services - Part A & Part B

 Part A covered SNF stay includes medical services as well as room and board

 Part B non-covered stay still covers certain medical services when Part A benefits have been exhausted, though room and board is not covered



#### Billing Services - Covered Part A

- Consolidated billing requires the SNF to bill the entire package of care that residents receive during a covered Part A SNF stay and physical, occupational, and speech therapy services received during a noncovered stay.
- There are a limited number of services that are specifically excluded from consolidated billing, which makes them separately payable.



#### Separately Payable Services

# Covered Part A stay, separately payable services include:

- Physician's professional services;
- Certain dialysis-related services, such as ambulance transportation to dialysis and Erythropoietin for dialysis;
- Certain ambulance services, including ambulance services to the SNF initially, from the SNF at discharge (other than in situations involving transfer to another SNF), and roundtrip ambulance services furnished during the stay that transport the beneficiary offsite temporarily in order to receive dialysis, or to receive certain types of intensive or emergency outpatient hospital services;
- Certain chemotherapy drugs and certain chemotherapy administration services;
- Radioisotope services; and
- Customized prosthetic devices.



#### Non Covered Stay Consolidated Billing

 For Medicare beneficiaries in a non-covered stay, only therapy services are subject to consolidated billing. All other covered SNF services for these beneficiaries can be separately billed to and paid by the Medicare contractor.



# Provider Questions About Consolidated Billing

 Physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers should contact their Part B MAC or Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

 Institutional providers should contact their Part A MAC with questions about SNF consolidated billing.



#### **AHCCCS Authorization Requests**

- AHCCCS is the secondary payer for Medicare covered services when an AHCCCS member also has the portion of Medicare that covers the requested service type. When AHCCCS is not the primary payer providers must exhaust all attempts to obtain reimbursement from Medicare for Medicare covered services -before requesting authorization from AHCCCS
- When a provider submits a request for authorization of services when the member has Medicare it should be determined whether:
  - The service is a Medicare covered service
  - Is the DME provider the correct Competitive Bidding Provider for the member's geographical service area (for DME requests)
  - The provider has submitted a request to Medicare for the service
  - Why the Medicare covered service was denied by Medicare



#### **AHCCCS Authorization Requests**

 The authorization request will be returned to the provider when the request does not contain enough information to determine that Medicare should not be the primary payer for the requested service.



#### Consolidated Billing Resources

CMS Website For General Billing Information:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/SNFConsolidatedBilling/Index.html

Link to CMS Competitive Bidding Information:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid/index.html?redirect=/DMEPOS competitivebid/

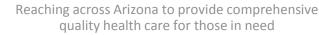
Link to Competitive Bidding Contractor Listing:

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

https://www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory/search.html

Link to Medicare Administrative Contractor Listing:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/Medicare-Administrative-Contractors/Who-are-the-MACs.html



### Questions?





### Thank You.



