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## UB-04

The National Uniform Billing Committee has approved the UB-04 as the replacement for the UB-92 in March 2007. Pending approval from CMS, providers will have a grace period from March 1, 2007 to May 22, 2007.

### Therapy Services - Transmittal 34

CMS Transmittal 34 dated May 6, 2005 addresses new/revised material concerning therapy services. It clarifies policies concerning orders, visits, plans of care, certifications, and private practice. The transmittal can be accessed at [www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/pm\\_trans/R34BP.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/pm_trans/R34BP.pdf).

### Changes to Staffing Data on Nursing Home Compare Web Site

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is striving to improve the accuracy of staffing data posted on the Nursing Home Compare web site. New edits will be implemented to detect suspect data. Providers will be given an opportunity to confirm or correct the data. Refer to Ref: S&C-05-24 for specific steps and timeframes for implementing the back-end edits.

### Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program (CERT)

If you receive a letter from CMS regarding a CERT request for medical documentation, you should respond promptly by submitting the requested supporting documentation within the timeframe outlined in the request. If you fail to submit documentation, the claim will be considered an error; and you will receive a demand letter requesting refund of payment received for the "erroneous" claim. (Source: *Medlearn Matters Number: SE0526*)

### Documentation Tip

There must be measurable objectives and interventions for nursing rehabilitation documented in the resident's care plan and clinical record in order to code nursing rehabilitation on the MDS.

### Medicare Influenza and Pneumococcal Prevention Campaign

Information on the CMS influenza and pneumococcal prevention campaign can be obtained at [www.cms.hhs.gov/preventiveservices/2.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/preventiveservices/2.asp).

## Roster Bills for Mass Immunizations for Inpatient Part B for Inpatients

Effective October 1, 2005, providers submitting roster bills for mass immunizations for Medicare Part B inpatients must include additional data elements as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Watch for instructions in your intermediary bulletins.

### Long Term Care Open Door Forum

The next CMS SNF/Long Term Care Open Door Forum is scheduled for May 26, 2005 at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time. To participate by phone, dial 1-800-837-1935 and reference ID 2865534.

### CMS Issues Proposed RUG Refinements

"CMS is proposing a refinement to the resource utilization groups (RUGS) by adding nine new payment categories... CMS is also proposing increases in the case mix index for all the RUGS... A full copy of the SNF PPS proposed rule for fiscal year 2006 is available on the CMS website at [www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/snfpps](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/snfpps)." (Source: *CMS Office of Public Affairs, May 13, 2005*)

### Restorative Nursing

MDS Section P3 is important for case-mix payment. This section affects the Rehabilitation Low and all the non-skilled RUG-111 groups. In order to code P3, a restorative program must meet all guidelines in the Resident Assessment Instrument Manual. For more information, order the *Nursing Rehabilitation Restorative Care Manual* from the [mjcpa.com](http://mjcpa.com) website or call Ed Roberts at 1-800-277-0080. Price: \$99.

### Medicare Participation

Please call Darlene Greenhill at 770-541-5429 for consultation, teaching, and training.

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