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## Part A Ancillaries

Even though Medicare payment is based on the RUG category, Part A ancillaries should be itemized on the UB-92 claim form to identify costs related to SNF services. These include therapies, medical supplies, pharmacy, lab, radiology, etc. This is important to help set future SNF PPS rates.

## Part B Caps and KX Modifier

Some claims processed by fiscal intermediaries have been improperly denied. Therefore, CMS has issued MLN Matters Number SE0637 to instruct providers in the proper use of the KX modifier for claims when services exceed the therapy caps. The article also gives examples.

## Credit Balance Reporting

On June 30, 2006 CMS issued MLN Matters Number 5084 with instructions for Credit Balance Reporting Activities for all providers. The five-page instructions, effective October 2, 2006, include revised and new material for the Non-Medicare Secondary Payer and the Medicare Secondary Payer Medicare credit balance reporting process. Procedures for providers to develop and maintain minimum documentation are also outlined in the article.

## Pandemic Flu

The US Department of Health and Human Services has posted educational information regarding a pandemic flu outbreak. The website at [www.pandemicflu.gov/](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/) includes flu definitions, planning checklists, planning tools, and questions and answers.

## June Update to MDS 2.0 User's Manual

The June 2006 revisions to the MDS 2.0 User's Manual are now available on the CMS website at MDS. Coordinators should ensure these revisions are distributed and reviewed with all staff involved in the MDS process.

## DAVE 2

The main focus of the Dave 2 project is MDS coding accuracy, rather than payment review, and does not currently involve off-site medical review. Providers may access the DAVE 2 website at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/30\\_NHQIDAVE2.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/30_NHQIDAVE2.asp#TopOfPage).

## Health Information Services Manual for Long Term Care

The Health Information Services Manual for Long Term Care has been developed to assist medical records staff in performing their vital functions. This step-by-step manual includes retention and disposal of medical records, policies and procedures, ICD-9-CM Coding guidelines, and many sample forms. Price \$149. To order, call Ed Roberts at 770-529-3241.

## Survey and Certification Letters

The new survey and certification letters can be accessed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/PMSR/list.asp#TopOfPage>.

## Medicaid Integrity Program Provider Briefing

On Friday, July 28, 2006, from 1pm to 2pm ET, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a briefing to discuss the initial Comprehensive Medicaid Integrity Plan released on July 18, 2006 by CMS. To participate call 1-888-606-9537. Pass code MIP.

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