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Transmittal 12015	Date: May 4, 2023
	Change Request 13164

SUBJECT: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) 5-Claim Probe and Educate Review

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to have the MACs perform a 5 claim probe and educate medical review on every SNF in their jurisdiction. The purpose of this widespread review is to lower the SNF improper payment rate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2023

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: June 5, 2023

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		H H H	F I S S	M C S	V M S	
	their existing Medical Review Strategy.								

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
13164.25	CR as Provider Education: Contractors shall post this entire instruction, or a direct link to this instruction, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the entire instruction must be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement it with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X				

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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