

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Community Care Policy Clarification CCAD 01009, CBA/HCSS 01004

TO: Regional Directors
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Policy Question 1:

LTC Information Letter 2001-11, dated August 24, 2001, introduced new RN and LVN billing codes, however the LTC Service/Bill Code Table, attachment to CMS Information Letter 2001-04, dated June 1, 2001, lists different bill codes for RN and LVN services. Which nursing bill codes should HCSS agencies be using on claims?

Clarification 1:

The information provided in LTC Information Letter 2001-11, dated August 24, 2001, supercedes all other letters regarding Nursing billing codes. These bill codes are to be used for any nursing services delivered on or after September 1, 2001. HCSS agencies must use the Nursing Services - RN bill code G0300 when a Registered Nurse conducts an Annual or Quarterly Assessment and for any nursing services delivered. The Nursing Services - LVN bill code G0301 must be used for any nursing services delivered by an LVN.

Policy Question 2:

CMS Information Letter 2001-04, dated June 1, 2001, informed HCSS agencies that some of the service codes would be discontinued on August 31, 2001. It seems now some of the discontinued service codes will remain in effect until the next reassessment. When should HCSS begin using the new service codes?

Clarification 2:

HCSS agencies must use the service code the client is registered in the CMS system, until such time as documentation of a change to a client's service authorization, that incorporates a new service code in the service plan, has been received from a caseworker.

Policy Question 3:

Can an LVN conduct the supervisory visits if there are no delegated nursing tasks assigned by the RN?

Clarification 3:

No. The supervisory visit must be conducted by the HCSS agency RN.

Policy Question 4:

Compliance Monitoring Service Break Standard 5. Are HCSS agencies required to document the reasons for the service break on the Case Information Form 2067?

Clarification 4:

No, however the documentation explaining the reason for the service break must be made available to the contract monitor.

Policy Question 5:

Compliance Monitoring Standard 8, Medical Supplies, Notes. Can an agency representative, other than a nurse, be allowed to document medical supplies on hand?

Clarification 5:

Yes. The documentation must indicate the supplies on hand, include a contact date and contact name in order for the standard to be met. The compliance monitoring form has been revised to change the statement under Notes to reflect that any agency representative may document the medical supplies on hand. The revised form will be included in an upcoming revision due out on December 28, 2001.

If you have any questions on this letter, please contact your contract manager.

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