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## **Medical Review of SNF PPS Bills by MACS**

## CMS Revision, 656 Issued 6/15/16

In light of the recent CMS revision issued on 6/15/16, Medicare Contractor Medical Review Guidelines for specific services, we suggest proactive steps to insure beneficiaries continue to meet the level of care requirements as defined in 42CFR409.31.

This revision states: "all Medicare contractors must review some level of SNF PPS Bills based upon data analysis. These reviews are complete reviews and should be reviewed by professionals, i.e., at a minimum, by LPN's."

You can find the complete CMS Revision 656 on our [website](#).

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The Medical Review Analysis will:

- Determine if clinical documentation supports medical necessity and level of care
- Examine if medical diagnosis and rehabilitation diagnosis are supported in the medical record as appropriate
- Determine if MDS assessments are completed and submitted in a timely manner
- Assess if services are billed in accordance with Medicare Consolidated Billing requirements
- Communicate to management conditions noted in the analysis
- Review the RAI process to help ensure policies, procedures and document formats are designed to direct medically necessary services for regulatory and Medicare Part A compliance
- Determine if accountability and responsibility in facility role designation are part of the RAI process
- Report to management all findings in order for the provider to enhance, grow, and implement a comprehensive RAI process to comply with the Medicare Part A program

We have a reputation with our clients for conducting reviews in a professional, independent, and objective fashion. The individuals assigned to conduct the reviews have expertise in rehabilitation therapy and determination of medical necessity and appropriateness for rehabilitation services for skilled nursing facilities and in the general requirements of the Federal health care program(s). The team assigned to the review consists of nationally recognized consultants that include an AANAC certified RAC-CT Medical Specialist.

Our philosophy emphasizes efficiency, effectiveness, and innovation. These three concepts are best captured through a properly designed and tailored review process. We design our programs to support our professional opinion following Medicare rules and regulations.

We would love to go over Blue & Co.'s Medicare Review analysis process anytime that is convenient for you.

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