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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 5, 2009

**FROM:** Acting Director, Provider Billing Group  
Center for Medicare Management

Director, Business Applications Management Group  
Office of Information Services

Director, Medicare Contractor Management Group  
Center for Medicare Management

**SUBJECT:** Deactivate the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Reason Codes  
Associated with Partial Hospitalization Revenue Codes - **ACTION**

**TO:** All Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Part A and Part B Medicare  
Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

With the implementation of the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), providers were instructed to use the most appropriate Revenue Code for a particular service. Any coding that prevents this choice on the part of the provider is inappropriate for OPPS claims; therefore, contractors shall turn off the following FISS Reason Codes: 31390, 31391, 31392, 31394, 31436, 31444, and 31538 within 5 business days of the date of this Joint Signature Memorandum/Technical Direction Letter (JSM/TDL).

The FIs and A/B MACs are authorized to place Condition Code 15 (clean claim delayed in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) processing system), indicating that these claims have been held through no fault of the FI or A/B MAC when releasing the claims that incorrectly received the reason codes noted above.

**Provider Notification Instructions**

Contractors shall use the following language on appropriate provider listservs and post to their website within 5 business days from the date of this JSM/TDL.

“We are aware that Partial Hospitalization Claims containing Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code(s) G0410 and/or G0411 are not paying due to system issues; these issues will be resolved within the next week.”

**NOTE: MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTORS (MACs)****A/B MAC Contract Numbers**

Jurisdiction 1 ~ HHSM-500-2008-M0002Z

Jurisdiction 3 ~ HHSM-500-2006-M0005Z

Jurisdiction 4 ~ HHSM-500-2007-M0001Z

Jurisdiction 5 ~ HHSM-500-2007-M0002Z

Jurisdiction 9 ~ HHSM-500-2008-M0008Z

Jurisdiction 10~HHSM-500-2009-M0004Z

Jurisdiction 12~HHSM-500-2008-M0001Z

Jurisdiction 13~HHSM-500-2008-M0004Z

Jurisdiction 14~HHSM-500-2009-M0002Z

**This Joint Signature Memorandum is being issued to you as technical direction under your MAC contract and has been approved by your Project Officer. This technical direction is not construed as a change or intent to change the scope of work under the contract and is to be acted upon only if sufficient funds are available. In this regard, your attention is directed to the clause of the General Provisions of the contract entitled Limitation of Cost, FAR 52.232-20. If the Contractor considers anything contained herein to be outside of the current scope of the contract, or contrary to any of its terms or conditions, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing as to the specific discrepancies and any proposed corrective action.**

Should you require further technical clarification, you may contact your Project Officer. Contractual questions should be directed to your CMS Contracting Officer. Please copy the Project Officer and Contracting Officer on all electronic and/or written correspondence in relation to this technical direction letter.

If you are a FI and have any questions, please contact Sylvia Sampson on (410) 786-6153 or Maria Durham on (410) 786-6978.

/s/  
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