

## **No-pay Claims Cheat Sheet**

CMS guidance regarding SNF benefits exhausted and no-payment billing is now available [here](#). This guidance clarifies that SNFs are required to submit a bill for a beneficiary that has started a Medicare covered spell of illness for every month of the related stay even though no benefits may be payable. This provision is necessary in order for CMS to accurately track the beneficiary's spell of illness on the common working file.

To assist providers, CMS has issued a "spell of illness cheat sheet." This matrix is a handy tool for billing staff to use to determine when to issue no pay claims. Along with carefully reviewing CR4292, nursing home billing staff should download a copy of this matrix, which is available [here](#).

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