

**Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Resource Utilization
Group-Version 4 (RUG-IV)
National Provider Call with Question & Answer Session**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Provider Communications Group will host a national provider conference call on the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Resource Utilization Group-Version 4 (RUG-IV). This toll-free call will take place from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., EDT, on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

This call will review key aspects of the SNF PPS case mix system, RUG-IV, which will be put into place ON AN INTERIM BASIS effective October 1, 2010. CMS subject matter experts will discuss coding procedures with emphasis on the appropriate “look-back” periods to be used when coding the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0, and how facility staff should separately report individual, concurrent and group therapy for accurate payment. In addition, the call will discuss how changes to the ADL coding requirements impact the assignment of MDS 3.0 records to a RUG-IV group.

Two additional provider calls are being scheduled for August 2010 to explain other payment issues including the transition from RUG-III to RUG-IV and the additional changes needed to install a hybrid RUG-III grouper (HR-III) mandated by statute.

A PowerPoint slide presentation will be posted to the SNF PPS webpage at http://www.cms.gov/SNFPPS/02_Spotlight.asp on the CMS website for you to download prior to the call so that you can follow along with the presenters. Following the formal presentation, callers will have an opportunity to ask questions of CMS subject matter experts.

Conference call details:

Date: June 23, 2010

Conference Title: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Resource Utilization Group-Version 4 (RUG-IV)

Time: 1:30 p.m. EDT

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. It is important to note that if you are planning to sit in with a group, only one person needs to register to receive the call-in data. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, NOT to allow participation. Registration will close at 1:30 p.m. EDT on June 22, 2010, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made, so please be sure to register prior to this time.

1. To register for the call participants need to go to:
<http://www.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/062310>
2. Fill in all required data.

3. Verify that your time zone is displayed correctly in the drop down box.
4. Click "Register".
5. You will be taken to the “Thank you for registering” page and will receive a confirmation email shortly thereafter. **Note:** Please print and save this page, in the event that your server blocks the confirmation emails. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please check your spam/junk mail filter as it may have been directed there.
6. If assistance for hearing impaired services is needed the request must be sent to medicare.ttt@palmettogba.com no later than 3 business day before the event.

For those of who will be unable to attend, a transcript and MP3 audio file of the call will be available at least one week after the call at http://www.cms.gov/SNFPPS/02_Spotlight.asp on the CMS website.

