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CHANGE TITLE: SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF) AND OTHER
ROUTINE UPDATES

PAGE CHANGE(S): See page 2.

SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change provides SNF Prospective Payment
System annual updates and other routine updates.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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1. Section 1 (**Network Provider Reimbursement**) adds "Note: The specific allowable amount may vary based on beneficiary status (e.g., participation in demonstration) or exact geographical location" to the end of the issuance.
2. Section 34 (**Bonus Payments in Health Professional Shortage Areas**) adds language stating effective September 1, 2003, bonus payment also applies to podiatrists, oral surgeons and optometrists, to be consistent with the language in Chapter 5, Section 2 of the TRM.

CHAPTER 2

3. Addendum A (**Benefits and Beneficiary Payments Under the TRICARE Program**) adds existing birthing center and newborn care cost-shares in the tabular form and makes minor editorial clarifications.

CHAPTER 3

4. Section 1 (**Reimbursement of Individual Health Care Professionals and Other Non-Institutional Health Care Providers**) clarifies the process of bonus payments in medically underserved areas.

CHAPTER 4

5. Section 3 (**Double Coverage Review and Processing of Claims**) corrects the format of the file from Microsoft Excel to a flat file.

CHAPTER 6

6. Addendum E (FY 2003) corrects the year to 2003 in the last column heading.

CHAPTER 7

7. Section 1 (**Hospital Reimbursement - TRICARE/CHAMPUS Inpatient Mental Health Per Diem Payment System**) adds the mental health deflator factor for 2003.

CHAPTER 8

8. Table of Contents. Edited Addenda G, H, and I's title to specify FY2003. Added Addenda G, H, and I for FY 2004.

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9. Section 2 (**Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS)**) clarifies the SNF PPS related information and existing policy and updates the SNF related websites.
10. Addendum E. Replaces the previous Addendum E with the revised version with the updated codes for enforcement of the SNF consolidated billing.
11. Addendum G (FY2003) added "FY 2003" to Addendum G.
12. Addendum G (FY2004) added Addendum for FY 2004.
13. Addendum H (FY2003) added "FY2003" to Addendum H.
14. Addendum H (FY2004) added Addendum for FY 2004.
15. Addendum I (FY2003) added "FY 2003" to Addendum I.
16. Addendum I (FY2004) added Addendum for FY 2004.