

On the Line (September 2004)

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Q: We are having trouble with the discharge status codes on some of our claims. In order to get the claim paid, the fiscal intermediary (FI) requires the discharge status code be changed. If we change the code, it will not correspond with documentation in our medical record.

Q: We are having trouble with discharge codes 03 and 04 for skilled nursing facility and intermediate care facilities. I don't think we have skilled nursing facilities in our area, so we have used the discharge code for intermediate care facility when a patient goes to the nursing home.

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