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**Provider Notification Update**

<b>Date of Notification</b>	<b>7/23/09</b>
<b>Plans Affected</b>	<b>Mercy Care Advantage</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Glucose Monitoring in a Skilled Nursing Facility</b>

Glucose monitoring billed under CPT code 82962 – Glucose, blood by glucose monitoring device(s) cleared by the FDA specifically for home use, is a non-covered service when billed by a Skilled Nursing Facility, as it is not considered a home under this benefit. The definition of this CPT code specifically states that this is for home use.

Per the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 7 – SNF Part B Billing (Including Inpatient Part B and Outpatient Fee Schedule)*, it states the following:

**90.1 - Glucose Monitoring**

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*Medicare Part B may pay for a glucose monitoring device and related disposable supplies under its durable medical equipment benefit if the equipment is used in the home or in an institution that is used as a home. A hospital or SNF is not considered a home under this benefit (§1861(h) of the Act, 42 CFR 410.38).*

*Routine glucose monitoring of diabetics is never covered in a SNF, whether the beneficiary is in a covered Part A stay or not. Glucose monitoring may only be covered when it meets all the conditions of a covered laboratory service, including use by the physician in modifying the patient's treatment.*