

**TITLE:        Nursing Facility Services and Place of Service Codes**

**POLICY/PURPOSE:**

Nursing Facility Services may be performed in various settings. The place of service (POS) code reported with the charge varies based on the type of facility the services are performed in and whether the patient is in a covered Medicare Part A stay.

This policy is designed to provide written guidance on the various POS codes to be used with nursing facility services and when each shall be reported to Medicare.

For each POS code there is a notation as to whether the location is considered a facility or a non-facility.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**PROCEDURE:**

Nursing Facility Services shall be submitted to Medicare with one of the following 2-digit POS codes:

1. **31/Skilled Nursing Facility** - A facility which primarily provides inpatient skilled nursing care and related services to patients who require medical, nursing, or rehabilitative services but does not provide the level of care or treatment available in a hospital. *Use POS 31 (SNF) for Nursing Facility Services if the patient is in a Part A covered SNF stay.*

**FACILITY**

2. **32/Nursing Facility** - A facility which primarily provides to residents skilled nursing care and related services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons, or, on a regular basis, health-related care services above the level of custodial care to other than mentally retarded individuals. *Use POS 32 (nursing facility) for Nursing Facility Services if the patient does not have Part A SNF benefits or is in a non-covered part A stay.*

**NON-FACILITY**

3. **54/Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded** - A facility which primarily provides health-related care and services above the level of custodial care to mentally retarded individuals but does not provide the level of care or treatment available in a hospital or SNF.

**NON-FACILITY**

4. **56/Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center** - A facility or distinct part of a facility for psychiatric care which provides a total 24-hour therapeutically planned and professionally staffed group living and learning environment.

***FACILITY***

**Note:** POS 11 (Office) shall not be reported with Nursing Facility Service E&M codes. This place of service code is reserved for E&M visits or other services rendered in an area distinctly designated as an office within a SNF/NF. E&M visits rendered in this location would be reported with the Office or Other Outpatient Visit Codes (99201-99215).

**REFERENCES:**

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