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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 852

**DATE:** December 21, 2009  
**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals and Nursing Facilities  
**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise  
**RE:** Billing for Hospital Swing-bed Services

This informational letter is to clarify the proper billing process for hospital providers that bill Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) directly for skilled or “swing-bed” services. In order to bill IME for swing-bed services, hospitals must be certified to provide skilled services and must enroll for a separate nursing facility provider type with the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.

The IME has added the **Type of Bill 28X**, which must be in **box 4** of the UB-04 claim form (or “institutional” HIPAA 837 electronic format) when billing for swing-bed services. The correct combination of NPI, taxonomy and zip code must also be submitted on the claim indicating that the claim is being billed under the nursing facility provider type. This change applies to claims submitted to the IME where Iowa Medicaid is the primary payor.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid Members. If you have any questions regarding billing for these services, please contact the IME Providers Services Unit, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

If you have any questions regarding your enrollment or certifications, please contact the IME Provider Enrollment Unit at 1-800-338-7909 (option 2), locally 515-725-1004 (option 2).