

# Medicare Intermediary Manual Part 3 - Claims Process

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The transmittal page for Rev. 1820, dated December 19, 2001, is reprinted below to change the effective and implementation dates from April 1, 2001 to October 1, 2001.

Since Patient Status Codes cannot be updated in the Medicare Code Editor (MCE) until October 1, 2001, the effective and implementation dates of this instruction are being delayed until October 1, 2001.

All other material in Rev. 1820 remains the same and, therefore, is not being reprinted.

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**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL--*EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001***  
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Section 3604, Review of Form HCFA-1450 For Inpatient and Outpatient Bills, Form Locator 22, Patient Status is revised to modify the structure of four existing codes and to add three new codes to enable providers to more accurately code a patients' status. These changes are primarily necessary because of the exclusion of transfers to swing beds from §4407 of Public Law 105-33 which created new rules for discharges from PPS hospitals to postacute care providers. The words "for inpatient care" were added to Code 02. Reference to the new swing bed code 61 was added to Code 03. Reference to outpatient care was removed from Code 05. The words "or expected to return for outpatient services" was removed from Code 30. A new Code 61 was added for discharges/transfers within this institution to a hospital based Medicare approved swing bed. Codes 71 and 72 were added for discharges/transfers/referrals to another (Code 71) or this (Code 72) institution for outpatient services.

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These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

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