

Correct POS When Billing for Patients Seen at Nursing Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities

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If you are seeing patients in a nursing facility, it is important to include the correct **POS** (place of service) on your claims. This tends to be very confusing for podiatrists when they are billing for these types of services.

- ⇒ **POS 32-Nursing Facility**
- ⇒ **POS 31-Skilled Nursing Facility**

Difference Between POS 31 & 32

Customarily, the same facility may care for patients under both types of stay or care. The responsibility is then placed on the provider to determine the correct POS for each patient they care for.

POS 32

Patients who are under POS 32 are usually in the facility for long-term care.

POS 31

Patients who are under POS 31 have typically been transferred to a skilled nursing facility from a medically necessary inpatient hospital admission of at least three consecutive days within 30 days of discharge. The stay at a skilled nursing facility typically doesn't last more than 100 days.

Reference: CMS and APMA