Quick Reference: Temporary Instructions for Submitting Part B claims Under Administrator Ruling CMS-1455-R



On March 13, 2013 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Ruling CMS-1455-R which establishes an interim process for hospitals to bill Medicare for Part B services following a denial of a Part A claim for an inpatient admission as not reasonable and necessary.

A copy of the ruling can be found at the following link: http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Rulings/Downloads/CMS1455R.pdf

CMS Ruling 1455-R Fact Sheet can be found at the following link: http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/factsheet.asp?Counter=4558

CMS has issued instructions to contractors to address the automation of claims processing which will be implemented in the July 2013 quarterly system release.

Until this process is implemented, providers shall follow these Temporary Instructions for the Part B Type of Bill (TOB) 12x.

<u>For electronic submissions</u>, providers are instructed to place the appropriate (pre-authorized) code into Loop 2300 REF02 (REF01 = G1). Please note, the loop and segment are included for billing purposes, but only SPN65 needs to be present in the field:

REF*G1*SPN65~

(The above code shall not include any spaces, and should appear as SPN65)

The original, denied inpatient claim (CCN/DCN/ICN) number, last adjudication date, and "CMS1455R" shall be included in the Billing Notes loop 2300/NTE (NTE01 = ADD) in the format:

NTE*ADD*12345678901234-99999999-CMS1455R~

The numeric strings above (12345678901234) are meant to represent original claim CCN/DCN/ICN numbers from the inpatient denial, the second number string above (9999999) is meant to represent the last adjudication date in mmddyyyy format, and the "CMS1455R" is the

provider's validation that there is no appeal in process for the services being billed and the provider has complied with all other requirements in the Administrator's Ruling, CMS-1455-R.

NOTE: The last adjudication date means, as applicable, the date of denial from the remittance advice for a Part A claim that has not been appealed, or the date of a final or binding appeal decision, or the date of a dismissal notice in response to a request for withdrawal of an appeal.

For DDE or Paper Claims, Providers are instructed to use fields: 5/MAP1715 (for DDE) or first line of the Treatment Authorization field #63 (for paper) and the following format:

SPN65 (the code shall not include any spaces, and should appear as SPN65)

The original, denied inpatient claim (CCN/DCN/ICN) number, last adjudication date, and "CMS1455R" shall be added to the Remarks Field (form locator #80) on the claim in the format:

12345678901234-99999999-CMS1455R

The numeric strings above (12345678901234) are meant to represent original claim CCN/DCN/ICN numbers from the inpatient denial, the second number string above (9999999) is meant to represent the last adjudication date in mmddyyyy format, and the "CMS1455R" is the provider's validation that there is no appeal in process for the services being billed and the provider has complied with all other requirements in the Administrator's Ruling, CMS-1455-R.

NOTE: The last adjudication date means, as applicable, the date of denial from the remittance advice for a Part A claim that has not been appealed, or the date of a final or binding appeal decision, or the date of a dismissal notice in response to a request for withdrawal of an appeal.

Providers shall follow these Temporary Instructions for the Part B Type of Bill (TOB) 13x.

For electronic submissions, providers are instructed to place the appropriate remarks:

The original, denied inpatient claim (CCN/DCN/ICN) number, last adjudication date, and "CMS1455R" shall be included in the Billing Notes loop 2300/NTE (NTE01 = ADD) in the format:

NTE*ADD*12345678901234-99999999-CMS1455R~

The numeric strings above (12345678901234) are meant to represent original claim CCN/DCN/ICN numbers from the inpatient denial, the second number string above (9999999) is meant to represent the last adjudication date in mmddyyyy format, and the "CMS1455R" is the provider's validation that there is no appeal in process for the services being billed and the provider has complied with all other requirements in the Administrator's Ruling, CMS-1455-R.

NOTE: The last adjudication date means, as applicable, the date of denial from the remittance advice for a Part A claim that has not been appealed, or the date of a final or binding appeal decision, or the date of a dismissal notice in response to a request for withdrawal of an appeal.

For DDE or Paper Claims, Providers are instructed to place the appropriate remarks:

The original, denied inpatient claim (CCN/DCN/ICN) number, last adjudication date, and "CMS1455R" shall be added to the Remarks Field (form locator #80) on the claim in the format:

12345678901234-99999999-CMS1455R

The numeric strings above (12345678901234) are meant to represent original claim CCN/DCN/ICN numbers from the inpatient denial, the second number string above (99999999) is meant to represent the last adjudication date in mmddyyyy format, and the "CMS1455R" is the provider's validation that there is no appeal in process for the services being billed and the provider has complied with all other requirements in the Administrator's Ruling, CMS-1455-R.

NOTE: The last adjudication date means, as applicable, the date of denial from the remittance advice for a Part A claim that has not been appealed, or the date of a final or binding appeal decision, or the date of a dismissal notice in response to a request for withdrawal of an appeal.

Please Note:

- The hospital may submit a Part B inpatient claim (12x) for the Part B services that would have been payable to the hospital had the beneficiary originally been treated as an outpatient rather than admitted as an inpatient except where those services specifically require an outpatient status such as outpatient visits, emergency department visits, observation services, that are, by definition, provided to hospital outpatients and not inpatients. Consistent with existing Medicare policy, where no Part A payment is made because the inpatient admission is denied as not reasonable and necessary, hospitals may bill separately for outpatient services (13x) provided in the three-day payment window prior to the inpatient admission as the outpatient services that they were, including observation and other services that are furnished in accordance with Medicare's requirements. See Section 10.12, Chapter 4 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04). Because services provided during the three-day payment window are outpatient services, they cannot be included on the Part B inpatient claim. Instead, hospitals should bill for these services on a Part B outpatient claim in accordance with this policy.
- For the Part B 12x claim, the hospital will be initially be paid at 90% of the net amount that would be payable (after subtracting deductibles and co-insurance) if the provider had originally submitted the claim as outpatient services based on the OPPS Pricer amount or lab fee amount. (For Maryland Waiver providers, the 90% will be based on the outpatient

payment that would have been available if the claim were originally paid as an outpatient claim for payment.) Payments are claim, not line, level. When CR 8185 is implemented in July, contractors will mass adjust all TOB 12x rebilling claims that were processed under this temporary methodology for full Medicare payment.

Claim Examples

Since the billing concepts are new to most providers, we have provided sample claims for the most common scenarios of billing Part B claims under CMS Ruling 1455R. This concept can be applied to any of the scenarios that require split billing.











