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Sites of Service Revenue Codes for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to Use When Billing Medicare

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Provider Types Affected

RHCs and FQHCs billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for services

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 3, 2006.
- FQHCs currently bill all FQHC services (except for those subject to the Medicare outpatient mental health treatment limitation and the Medicare FQHC supplemental payment) under a single revenue code (0520).
- RHCs bill most RHC services, except for those subject to the Medicare outpatient mental health treatment limitation, under revenue code 0521. RHCs occasionally use revenue code 0522 to bill when RHC services are provided in the beneficiary's home.
- In order to provide the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) with information needed to improve the administration of the RHC and FQHC programs, effective for all claims for dates of service on or after July 1, 2006, CMS has redefined codes 0521 and 0522 to include FQHC services as well as RHC services.
- CMS has also added revenue codes 0524, 0525, 0527 and 0528 (displayed in Table 1 on page 2 of MLN Matters Article MM4210).
- The codes in the table must be used for claims with line item dates of service on or after July 1, 2006.

- These revenue code changes will enable CMS to identify a broader array of claim types to facilitate data analyses necessary to ensure RHC/FQHC program integrity and to evaluate any program expansion.

Note: The telehealth originating site facility fee is not an RHC/FQHC service and continues to be billed using revenue code 0780.

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