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National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Update on Revenue Codes and Corrected Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Spell of Illness Chart

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Provider Types Affected

Providers submitting claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is January 22, 2008.
- In the process of developing the UB-04 (also known as CMS-1450), the NUBC reviewed the "9 – Other" subcategory codes for necessity, clarity, and redundancy.
- As a result of their review, several "9" codes were designated as reserved for assignment by the NUBC because the "0 – General Classification" codes were deemed sufficient.
- Specific revenue codes removed include: 0599, 0709, 0719, 0749, 0759, 0779, 0789, and 0799.
- As a result of NUBC's decision regarding these codes, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is removing two revenue codes, 0709 and 0719, from the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 3, Section 20.5.1.1 (Packaged Revenue Codes), effective October 1, 2007. The remaining revenue codes include:

0250, 0251, 0252, 0254, 0255, 0257, 0258, 0259, 0260, 0262, 0263, 0264, 0269, 0270, 0271, 0272, 0275, 0276, 0278, 0279, 0280, 0289, 0370, 0371, 0372, 0379, 0390, 0399, 0560, 0569, 0621, 0622, 0624, 0630, 0631, 0632, 0633, 0637, 0681, 0682, 0683, 0684, 0689, 0700, 0710, 0720, 0721, 0762, 0810, 0819, and 0942.

- In addition, CMS discovered that the SNF spell of illness chart posted in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 6, Section 40.8.1 (Spell of Illness Quick Reference Chart) contained formatting errors.
- An updated spell of illness chart is included with Change Request (CR) 5734 and is provided on page 3 of MLN article MM5734.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5734.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5734) issued to FI and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1355CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their Medicare FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.