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New Value Code to Report Patient Prior Payments

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, and other providers who bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), 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 July 1, 2008.
- The implementation date is July 7, 2008.
- Previous Medicare Form CMS-1450 billing instructions for form locator (FL) 54 allowed providers to report the total amount of payments toward deductibles and/or coinsurance that they had collected from a patient for all services other than inpatient hospitals or skilled nursing facilities.
- With the implementation of the UB-04, the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) eliminated "Patient" from FL 54, which is now used to report prior payer payments.
- To enable Medicare providers to continue to report patient prior payments, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) asked the NUBC to create a value code for this purpose.
- NUBC approved this request on November 14, 2007. Change request (CR) 5882 announces the creation of this new value code: **Value Code FC – Patient Prior Payment**.
- Effective July 1, 2008, providers may use this value code to report patient prior payments.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5882.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5882) regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1427CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

There is also information in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 25 (Completing and Processing the Form CMS-1450 Data Set), on completing the UB-04. This manual is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp> on the CMS website.

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