



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update – JA6325

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Implementation Date: April 6, 2009

Key Words	MM6325, CR6325, R1670CP, Claim, Status, Category
Contractors Affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Carriers • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) • Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) • Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs)
Provider Types Affected	Physicians, providers, and suppliers who bill Medicare Carriers, FIs, RHHIs, A/B MACs, and DME MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 6325 reminds providers of the periodic updates to the Claim Status Codes and Claim Status Category Codes that Medicare contractors use with the Health Care Claim Status Request (Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12N 276) and the Health Care Claim Response (ASC X12N 277).

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Claim Status Codes and Claim Status Category Codes from the September 2008 meeting of the national Code Maintenance Committee have been updated. • These updates were posted at http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/180/223/ on November 1, 2008. • Medicare contractors must complete the entry of all applicable code text changes and new codes and terminate the use of deactivated codes by April 6, 2009. • On and after this date, these code changes will be used to edit all X12 276 transactions processed and must be reflected in the X12 277 transactions issued.
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Background

- The Claim Category and Claim Status Codes explain the status of submitted claims.
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act requires all health care benefit payers to use only national Code Maintenance Committee-approved codes in the X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response transactions.
- The national Code Maintenance Committee meets at the beginning of each X12 trimester meeting (February, June, and October) to decide about additions, modifications, and retirement of existing codes.
- Included in the code lists are specific details, including the date when a code was added, changed, or deleted.

Operational
Impact

N/A

Reference
Materials

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6325.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6325) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1670CP.pdf> on the CMS website.
