



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Correction to the Common Working File (CWF) for Late Re-certifications – JA6332

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Contractors Affected Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

Provider Types Affected Hospices billing RHHIs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



- Change Request (CR) 6332 will allow Medicare's CWF system to post a claim when the occurrence code 27 (date of certification/recertification) is not reported on the claim for the billing period in which it was due.
 - When the re-certification is late and not obtained until a subsequent month, the occurrence span code 77 should be reported with the through date of the span code equal to the through date of the claim.
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Provider Needs to Know...

- The Medicare systems will allow a hospice claim not reporting an occurrence code 27 when the re-certification is due if an occurrence span code 77 is present with a through date equal to the claim through date.
 - Medicare contractors holding claims with this criterion due to the CWF issue will release the claims upon implementation of CR6332.
 - Medicare contractors will override timely filing for claims meeting this criterion for up to 90 days following implementation of CR6332 when brought to their attention by the provider.
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Background

- CR3686 (Transmittal 458 issued on January 28, 2005) entitled, "Hospice Physician Recertification Requirements," provided the requirement for hospices to report the occurrence span code 77 for non-covered days when the physician recertification is obtained late.
 - There is a problem posting claims in the CWF when the re-certification is not reported on the claim within the month it was due.
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N/A

Reference
Materials

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6332.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6332) issued regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1673CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

To review the MLN Matters article related to CR3686 that outlines the hospice physician recertification requirements see <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3686.pdf> on the CMS website.
