



## Provider Inquiry Assistance

### Type of Bill (TOB) for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) from 73x to 77x – JA6338

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**Contractors Affected**

- Part A Medicare Administrative Contractors (A MACs)
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

**Provider Types Affected** FQHCs submitting claims to Medicare FIs and/or Part A MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is informing providers to use TOB 77x (effective **April 1, 2010**) when billing the FI or A MAC for FQHC service for both Free-standing FQHCs, and Provider-based FQHCs.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- For dates of service (DOS) on or after April 1, 2010, **TOB 73x will continue to be a valid bill type for certain non-Medicare claims.**
- Providers may refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) requirements for further details.
- Most Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) payer and provider systems will need to change in order to accommodate this change of bill type.
- All Medicare FFS systems will implement the change of the TOB for FQHCs from 73x to 77x effective for all claims with DOS on or after April 1, 2010.

- Effective with DOS on or after April 1, 2010, Medicare will return to the provider any FQHC claims submitted on TOB 73x.
- Such claims will be returned with group code CO (contractual obligation) and adjustment reason code 5 ("The procedure code/bill type is inconsistent with the place of service.").
- If this edit is received, the provider should resubmit with the 77x bill type.

**Background**

- On August 5, 2008, the NUBC voted to change the TOB that is used to identify FQHCs from 73x to 77x effective April 1, 2010.
- The NUBC created the new TOB for FQHCs because TOB 73x, which has historically been used for FQHCs, is technically designed to apply to free-standing clinics of any kind.

**Operational  
Impact**

N/A

**Reference  
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6338.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6338) issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R477OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.