



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Reporting the Beneficiary's Residence State Code and ZIP Code for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Claims – JA6359

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Contractors Affected DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)

Provider Types Affected The provider types affected are suppliers submitting claims to DME MACs for DMEPOS services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.



Change Request (CR) 6359 states that, effective for claims processed on July 6, 2010, and later, the ZIP code of the beneficiary's address of residence should be reported on the claim.

Provider Needs to Know...

- Currently, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services uses the beneficiary's address of residence to determine the applicable fee schedule amount for claims for DMEPOS items.
- When National Competitive Bidding is fully implemented, the ZIP code of the beneficiary's address of residence, as reported on the claim, will also be used in pricing DMEPOS claims.
- If the beneficiary's ZIP code information is not available on the claim, the DME MACs will deny the claim using a reason code of 16 ("Claims/Service lacks information which is needed for adjudication.") and remark code MA37 ("Missing/incomplete/invalid patient's address").

Background N/A

Operational N/A
Impact

Reference The related MLN Matters® article can be found at
Materials <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6359.pdf> on the CMS
website.

The official instruction (CR6359) issued regarding this change may be found at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R6340TN.pdf> on the CMS website.
