



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update – JA6859

Related CR Release Date: March 26, 2010

Date Job Aid Revised: April 2, 2010

Effective Date: July 1, 2010

Implementation Date: July 6, 2010

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Contractors Affected

- Medicare Carriers
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs)

Provider Types Affected

Provider types affected are all physicians, providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, RHHIs, A/B MACs and DME MACs for Medicare beneficiaries.



Change Request (CR) 6859 explains that the Claim Status Codes and Claim Status Category Codes for use by Medicare contractors with the Health Claim Status Request and Response ASC X12N 276/277 were updated during the January 2010 meeting of the national Code Maintenance Committee. Code changes approved at that meeting were posted at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/180/223/> on the Internet on or about March 1, 2010.

Provider Needs to Know...

- At the January 2010 meeting, the committee also decided to allow the industry 6 months for implementation of newly added or changed codes.
- Included in the code lists are specific details, including the date when a code was added, changed, or deleted.
- Medicare contractors will implement these changes on July 6, 2010.

Background

- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act requires all health care benefit payers to use only Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes, which are approved by the national Code Maintenance Committee in the X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response format and adopted as the standard for national use (004010X093A1).
 - Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes explain the status of submitted claims.
 - Proprietary codes may not be used in the X12 276/277 to report claim status.
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Reference
Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6859.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6859) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1936CP.pdf> on the CMS website.
