Common Working File (CWF) Override Edit for Kidney Transplant Donor Claims When the Kidney Recipient is Deceased – JA6978

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Contractors Affected	• Carriers • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) • Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)
Provider Types Affected	Physicians and providers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, RHHIs, FIs, or A/B MACs for live kidney donor and related services for Medicare beneficiaries

Change Request (CR) 6978 instructs Medicare contractors to override certain edits on claims for donor expenses when the kidney recipient is deceased.

Provider Needs to Know...	• All physicians' services rendered to the living donor and all physicians' services rendered to the transplant recipient are billed to the Medicare program in the same manner as all Medicare Part B services are billed. • All donor physicians' services must be billed to the account of the recipient (i.e., the recipient's Medicare number). Modifier Q3 (Live Kidney Donor and Related Services) must appear on the claim. • For institutional claims which do not require modifiers, Medicare contractors may process the claim when the donor is receiving institutional services related to the donation of the kidney where the transplant recipient has died and the donor receives those services subsequent to the recipient's death.

Background	• Medicare instructions allow donor expenses incurred after the death of the kidney recipient to be treated as incurred before the death of the kidney recipient. • However, some of these claims are being rejected by Medicare systems. • CR6978 corrects this problem for services performed on or after January1, 2011.

Operational Impact	N/A

Reference Materials	The related MLN Matters® article can be found at *http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6978.pdf* on the CMS website. The official instruction (CR6978) regarding this change may be viewed at *http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2008CP.pdf* on the CMS website.