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Revision of Change Request 2928: Implementation of Payment Safeguards for Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Claims Failing to Report Prior Hospitalizations

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Home health agencies (HHAs) billing Medicare Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is July 5, 2005.
- Currently, Medicare systems downcode HH PPS claims when there is an inpatient hospital stay within 14 days of admission to HHA.
- The 14 days are determined by comparing the "From" date of the HH PPS claim to the "Through" date of the inpatient hospital claim.
- CR3616 revises CR2928 and provides instructions for changing Medicare Systems to correct downcoding of Significant Change in Condition (SCIC) claims.
- Medicare systems will bypass downcoding revenue code 0023 lines (other than earliest dated line on HH PPS claim) identified as having an inpatient claim within 14 days of home health admission when an HHA submits an HH PPS claim on basis of SCIC.
- RHHIs will adjust HH PPS claims with more than one HIPPS code present that have been downcoded inappropriately for having an inpatient claim within 14 days of the HH admission, retroactive to April 1, 2004, in such cases where the HHA brings the case to the attention of the RHHI.

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