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Update to the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Batch Standard 1.1 Billing Request Document

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Durable medical equipment providers, billing agents, or clearinghouses that submit retail pharmacy drug claims electronically to Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs).

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 11, 2005.
- The implementation date is September 12, 2005.
- Medicare will only accept a value of "1" in field number 337-4C (Coordination of Benefits/Other Payments Count field). Medicare will only accept one primary payer. Claims with a value other than "1" in this field will be rejected. (In the past, a value of 1-3 was accepted.)
- For Data Element 412-DC (Dispensing Fee Submitted), CMS has added codes G0369, G0370, G0371 and G0374 to the NCPDP Companion document along with associated pricing information. (See MLN Matters article MM3620 for an explanation of these codes; link provided below.)
- Data element 438-E3 (Incentive Amount Submitted) was added to the NCPDP Companion document, in which suppliers should include the \$50.00 fee allowed by Medicare for G0369.
- For Data element 451-EG (Compound dispensing Unit Form Indicator), the following values were added to the NCPDP Companion document: 1 = each; 2 = gram; 3 = milliliters.

Important Links

MM3882: "Update to the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Batch Standard 1.1 Billing Request Companion Document" can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3882.pdf> on the CMS website.

CR3882: "Transmittal #579: Update to the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Batch Standard 1.1 Billing Request Companion Document" can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R579CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

MM3620: "MMA - New Dispensing/Supply Fee Codes for Oral Anti-Cancer, Oral Anti-Emetic, Immunosuppressive, and Inhalation Drugs Revised: 12/29/2004" can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3620.pdf> on the CMS website.