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Instructions for Institutional Providers and Suppliers Billing Self-Referred Mammography Claims Regarding the Attending/Referring Physician National Provider Identifier (NPI)

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Provider Types Affected

Institutional providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for self-referred mammography services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is May 23, 2008.
- The implementation date is June 30, 2008.
- The *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-04, Chapter 18 (Preventive and Screening Services), Section 20 (Mammography Services) indicates that a doctor's prescription or referral is not necessary for screening mammography services to be covered.
- In self-referral cases, an NPI for an attending/referring physician is not available to the institution or supplier providing the mammography service.
- In the past, FIs instructed providers to use the surrogate unique physician identification number (UPIN) of "SLF000" in the Attending Physician UPIN field on the institutional claim form. Since UPINs will no longer be accepted on Medicare claims after May 23, 2008, an alternate means of identifying self-referral is needed.
- Change Request (CR) 6023 clarifies how providers and suppliers will reflect this situation on Medicare claims submitted **on or after May 23, 2008**, as follows:
 - Institutional providers submitting claims for self-referred mammography services will duplicate the institution's own NPI in the attending physician NPI field on their claims; and
 - Suppliers submitting claims for self-referred mammography services will duplicate the supplier's own NPI in the attending/referring physician NPI field on their claims.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6023.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6023) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1519CP.pdf> on the CMS website.