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Correction to Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Regarding MSN/ANSI X12 Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers billing Medicare carriers or durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) for anti-emetic drugs

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is December 23, 2005.
- The implementation date is December 23, 2005.
- CR4001 corrects an error in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-4), Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3 (MSN /ANSI X12N Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs).
- The text incorrectly cites Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 6.3 as a valid MSN denial message for anti-emetic drugs. In response to this correction, the carriers and DMERCs will not use *MSN 6.3*.
- Rather, if the anti-emetic drug is denied because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) did not approve it or because the drug is not being used as part of an anti-cancer chemotherapeutic regimen, carriers and DMERCs will use either:
 - *MSN 6.2: Drugs not specifically classified as effective by the Food and Drug Administration are not covered* (ANSI X12 Adjustment Code 114); or
 - *MSN 6.4: Medicare does not pay for an oral anti-emetic drug that is not administered for use immediately before, at, or within 48 hours after administration of a Medicare covered chemotherapy drug* (ANSI X12 Group Code PR 96 with Remark Code M100).

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4001.pdf>

Affected providers can find more information about Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R684CP.pdf> on the CMS website.