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Payment Window Edit Corrections Within the Common Working File (CWF)

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Provider Types Affected

Hospitals (not including critical access hospitals)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is April 3, 2006.
- Medicare has, by law, a payment window that requires certain outpatient services provided immediately prior to a beneficiary's inpatient admission to be bundled into the billing for the inpatient stay.
- Medicare is modifying some edits in the claims processing systems that enforce this payment window provision.
- Those edits relate to whether services involving revenue code 048X (cardiology) are bundled. Also, certain provider number edits are being modified.
- The edits are changing as follows:
 - Services associated with revenue code 048X will only be bundled when the 048X code is present with one of the following Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes: 93015, 93307, 93308, 93320, 93501, 93503, 93505, 93510, 93526, 93541, 93542, 93543, 93544-93552, 93561, or 93562.
 - In terms of the one-day payment window, services provided the day immediately prior to admission will be bundled where the third digit of the provider number contains an "S," "T," "R," or "M" on the inpatient claim.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4089.pdf>

The official instruction issued to FIs regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R714CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Attached to CR4089, is the revised Section 40.3 of Chapter 3 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual.