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Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospital Emergency Room Services Exceeding 24 Hours

Note: MLN Matters article was revised on June 9, 2008, to add a reference to CR5389. Summary of the information from CR5389 may be found on page 2.

Key Words

MM4252, CR4252, R881CP, OPPS, Emergency, Claims, Room, Hospitals, Services, Outpatient, Revenue, Code, 045x, CR5389, MM5389, R1151CP

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who submit hospital emergency room claims paid under the OPPS to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 3, 2006.
- The implementation date is April 3, 2006.
- MLN Matters article MM4252 is based on Change Request (CR) 4252 and informs OPPS hospitals about proper billing requirements of emergency room services exceeding 24 hours.
- This policy can be found in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 4, Part B Hospital (Including Inpatient Hospital Part B and OPPS, Section 180, Accurate Reporting of Surgical/Medical Procedures and Services).
- This section is attached to CR4252.
- Hospital OPPS claims submitted for emergency room (ER) services should be billed in the following manner:
 - The ER is identified with revenue code 045x;
 - The service date is the date the service was provided in the ER;

- If the patient was in the ER after midnight, only one service date should be entered (i.e., the date the patient entered the ER) and
- Service units should be one.

CR5389 Clarification for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Stays

- MM4252 was revised on June 2008 to show that CR5389 (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1151CP.pdf>) clarifies instructions in CR4252, when related to ER services that a hospital provides to beneficiaries in skilled Part A SNF stays.
- Specifically, ER services (and all services related to that ER encounter) that hospitals (including critical access hospitals) provide to beneficiaries in skilled Part A SNF stays are excluded from SNF consolidated billing.
- Providers are encouraged to review the related MLN Matters article at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5389.pdf> on the CMS website.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4252.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers may find the official instruction (CR4252) issued regarding this change by going to

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R881CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If affected providers have any questions, they should contact their FI at their toll-free number, which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.