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Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS) and 835 Implementation Guide (IG) Provider Adjustment Code Mapping and Standard Paper Remittance (SPR) Changes

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers and physicians who submit claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 3, 2006.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is in the process of implementing HIGLAS, which is the main focus of a long-term project to modernize Medicare's accounting systems.
- Some of the FIs who have already transitioned to HIGLAS reported problems identifying specific adjustments at the provider level as shown on the SPR.
- The underlying problem is that HIGLAS has a very detailed breakdown of provider-level adjustments that need to be properly mapped to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant provider adjustment codes (PLB codes) included in the transaction 835 version 004010A1 IG.
- Mapping of the HIGLAS PLB X 01 codes to the corresponding standard PLB codes included in the ASC X12 N Version 004010A1 835 IG are listed in the spreadsheet attachment to CR4288.
- Only the standard PLB codes can be used in the HIPAA-compliant electronic remittance advice (ERA). The SPR fields must be populated with adjustment amounts that correspond to the ERA adjustment amounts under the HIPAA PLB codes listed in the above mentioned attachment. SPRs may not provide additional or more detailed information than that provided by ERAs.

- Refer to CR4288 and its attachment for specific information about the ERA and hard copy instructions regarding the provider codes used by HIGLAS, and the corresponding provider codes per 004010A1 IG.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4288.pdf>

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