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Rescind Change Request (CR) 4177- Eliminate the Use of Surrogate UPINs (OTH000) on Medicare Claims

Keywords

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, non-physician practitioners, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare Carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for diagnostic, radiology, consultation services, and equipment

Note: MLN Matters article MM5019 was revised to add a reference to SE0659 (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/se0659.pdf>). SE0659 notified providers that they must report their National Provider Identifier correctly on all electronic data interchange transactions that they submit, as well as on paper claims they send to Medicare and telephone Interactive Voice Response queries by no later than May 23, 2007, or their transactions will be rejected.

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is April 3, 2006.
- Change Request (CR) 5019 rescinds CR4177, which eliminated the use of the surrogate Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN) OTH000 on claims submitted by billers, suppliers, physicians and non-physician practitioners.
- Surrogate UPINs are intended to be used during an interim period when a UPIN has been requested but has not yet been received.
- Because eliminating the use of the surrogate UPIN OTH000 may adversely impact the ability of providers to bill the Medicare program, Medicare contractors are instructed to **discontinue all work to eliminate the use of the Surrogate UPIN "OTH000" in claims processing and continue to use Surrogate UPIN "OTH000" for submitted claims and other internal purposes.**

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5019.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers may see the official instruction (CR5019) issued regarding this change at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R145PI.pdf> on the CMS website.