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National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Coordination of Benefits (COB) Companion Document Update

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Provider Types Affected

Suppliers who submit claims to Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) and Medicare trading partners for prescription drugs provided to Medicare beneficiaries for COB.

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is June 26, 2006.
- The implementation date is August 28, 2006.
- MLN Matters article MM5080 and Change Request (CR) 5080 provide a One-Time Notification to DMERCs and DME MACs with a revised NCPDP companion document.
- Most current trading partners cannot accept the NCPDP version 5.1 batch standard 1.1 for COB crossover purposes due to a lack of data elements they consider essential within the transaction. The revised companion document provides workaround instructions to give current trading partners these data elements.
- The following information is important for trading partners regarding the instructions in the companion document for the workaround of the NCPDP version 5.1 batch standard 1.1 for COB crossover purposes:
 - The 15-digit Internal Control Number (ICN)/Claim Control Number (CCN) that identifies a Medicare processed claim will appear in field 330-CW- (Alternate ID) within the "Claim Segment" portion of the NCPDP COB file. (Note: Bytes 16-19 will contain spaces.) The ICN will enable the trading partner to determine that an adjustment to an original claim occurred, since adjustments necessitate a change to the ICN.
 - A Patient Assignment of Benefits Indicator default value of "Y" will be included in field 330-CW (Alternate ID) in byte 20.

- Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations, drugs will always be paid by Medicare as mandatory assignment.
- The Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) will always be passed in "Patient ID" field (332-CY) with a "99 (Other) qualifier in the Patient ID Qualifier ID field (331- CX).
- For claim-based Medigap crossovers, the "Cardholder ID" field (302-C2) in the "Insurance Segment" will contain the beneficiary's policy number that was sent on the inbound transaction in the "Alternate ID" field (330-CW) in the "Claim Segment".
- For non-claim-based Medigap crossovers, the "Cardholder ID" field (302-C2) in the "Insurance Segment" will contain the beneficiary's policy number as submitted on the carrier's eligibility file.
- For Medicaid crossovers, the "Cardholder ID" field (302-C2) in the "Insurance Segment" will contain the beneficiary's Medicaid policy number as submitted on the carrier's eligibility file.
- If the beneficiary's policy number is not available, the "Cardholder ID" field (302-C2) in the "Insurance Segment" will contain the beneficiary's HICN.
- The retail pharmacy's (supplier) name and address will be populated in lieu of the Facility Name and Address in the 500-byte-free formatted field when the 'Patient Location' field (307-C7) equals "1" (home).
- Values have been added to the Prior Authorization Segment Supporting Documentation Field 498- PP (Medicare Mapping)..

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5080.pdf>

Affected providers can find the official instruction issued to their contractor regarding this change at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R227OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

The companion document to supplement the NCPDP Version 5.1 Batch Transaction Standard 1.1 Billing Request for exchanges with Medicare DMERCs and DME MACs is attached to CR5080. Note that the missing data elements in the NCPDP version 5.1 batch standard 1.1 were addressed in CR4290.

To view the MLN Matters article related to CR4290 go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4290.pdf> on the CMS website.