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Update on CMS Actions to Reverse Invalid Overpayments Generated by Managed Care Informational Unsolicited Responses (MCIURs) - (Invalid MCIURs from the Common Working File (CWF))

Key Words

CR5507, MM5507, R262OTN, Overpayment, MCIUR, Unsolicited

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers who submit claims to Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), and/or Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 26, 2007.
- The implementation date is April 26, 2007.
- MLN Matters article MM5507 and related Change Request (CR) 5507 provide information regarding overpayment recovery actions that may be taken by a provider's Medicare contractor and the circumstances that have caused these recovery actions.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) estimates that between 150,000 – 300,000 claims may be affected by these actions.
- MLN Matters article SE0681 (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/SE0681.pdf>) alerted providers that, in some instances, Medicare may be recovering certain overpayments due to system updates on beneficiary eligibility, and when such overpayments are identified, Medicare systems generate a MCIUR, which triggers the overpayment recovery.
- During the week of December 17, 2006, Medicare systems were updated with some incorrect Managed Care enrollment data, which, in turn, caused the systems to create some incorrect MCIURs.
- Medicare files have been corrected, and CMS is working diligently with Medicare contractors to stop the invalid overpayment recoveries from occurring.

- In addition, where action to recover the overpayments has already occurred, CMS has instructed the provider's contractor to reverse the action and reissue payment to the provider.
- CR5507 states that recovery action should stop if it has been initiated and reversed if MCIURs have already resulted in a recovery.
- The provider's contractor will post more detailed information on their web site as CR5507 is implemented.

Note: Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare contractors need not take any action since contractors will automatically make the necessary adjustments as CR5507 is implemented.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5507.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5507) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2620TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

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