



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Special Project – JA6324

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- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

Provider Types Affected LTCHs submitting claims to Medicare FIs and/or A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in LTCHs



Change Request (CR) 6324 alerts providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has outlined the requirements for an expanded review of LTCH admissions as required by recent legislation. **CR6324 is informational in nature and requires no provider action at this time.**

Provider Needs to Know...

- CMS has selected a sampling contractor (AdvanceMed) to create the study universe of claims for this review.
- CMS has selected Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) to conduct the review.
- CR6324 establishes communication procedures between the sampling contractor (AdvanceMed), LTCH Review Contractor WPS, FIs, and A/B MACS to avoid duplication of effort in these review processes.

Background

- The Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program Extension Act (MMSEA) included a provision (Section 114) that expanded review of medical necessity of admissions to LTCHs and continued stays at such hospitals.
- The Act also requires error rate calculation and disallowance of days of medically unnecessary care from the calculation of the LTCH average length of stay as a result of those reviews.

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- For purposes of carrying out the above provision of the MMSEA, CMS must ensure that an appropriate framework for cooperation exists to facilitate the exchange of information and the establishment of communication procedures among the LTCH Sampling Contractor (AdvanceMed), LTCH Review Contractor (WPS), the FIs, and A/B MACs.
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Operational Impact	N/A
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Reference Materials	<p>The MLN Matters article related to that transmittal at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6324.pdf on the CMS website.</p> <p>The official instruction (CR6324) issued regarding this change may be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R4300TN.pdf on the CMS website.</p>
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