



Revising the Remittance Advice Messaging for the 20-Hour Weekly Minimum for Partial Hospitalization Program Services

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for hospitals and Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) submitting Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for PHP services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR11066 revises remittance advice informational messaging, effective July 1, 2019, to give supplemental and educational information to the hospitals and CMHCs submitting PHP claims where the patient did not get the minimum 20 hours per week of therapeutic services required by a PHP plan of care. The CR applies to claims with a Line Item Date of Service (LIDOS) on or after July 1, 2019. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

PHP services are intensive outpatient services provided in lieu of inpatient hospitalization for mental health conditions. CR11066 is intended to increase provider awareness of the regulations at 42 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 410.43(c)(1) and 42 CFR 410.43(a)(3). These regulations state that PHPs are intended for patients who require a minimum of 20 hours per week of therapeutic services, as evidenced in their plan of care. PHP services include only those services a provider furnishes in accordance with a physician certification and plan of care as specified under 42 CFR 424.24(e).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11066, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R2266OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

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